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TEMPO



Local students took a trip back in time at Fern Hollow Nature Center to learn how maple syrup is produced. See Page 13.

HERALD HONORS

This year's Herald Honors Dinner will be held Friday, April 29. See who has been selected as 2004's Man, Woman and Citizen of the Year on Page 6.

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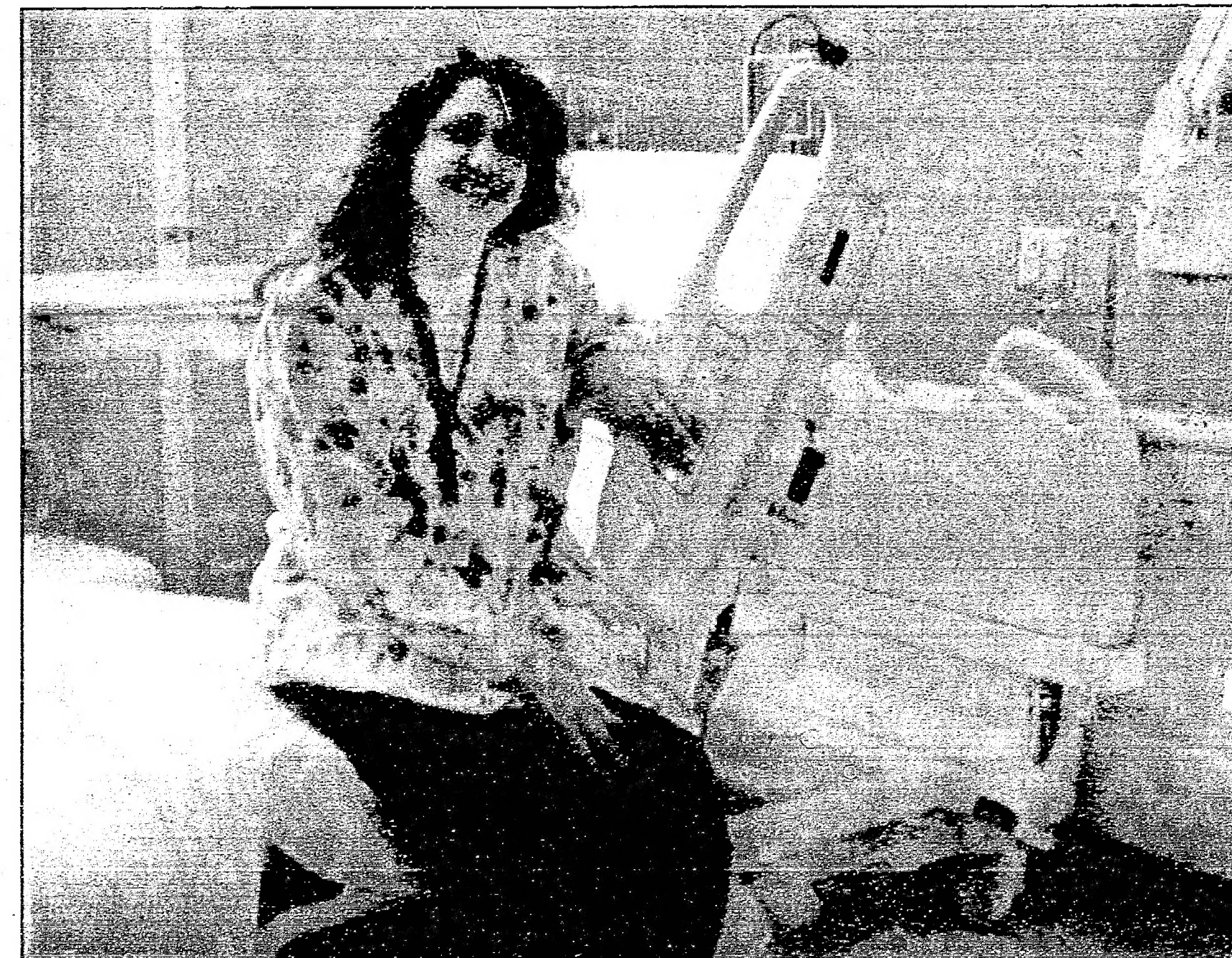


The Quakers dominated West Branch for a 80-48 victory in the first round of PIAA playoffs. See Page 27.

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SEWICKLEY VALLEY HOSPITAL



PEGGY RENNE, SVH nurse, shows the ability of the new progressive care unit beds to bring a patient to a standing position. Photo by Rachel Weaver

New unit gives patients comfort

By Rachel Weaver

Staff writer

Patients in Sewickley Valley Hospital's new progressive care unit may be coping with a variety of ailments, but now they can receive treatment with many of the comforts of home.

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Linda Hemyk, progressive care unit director, said its design is one of the first of its kind.

Construction on the \$2.2 million unit started April 15 last year. Because the average length of patient stay is five days, it was decorated to remind them of home.

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SWEETWATER

Students give strategies for improvement

By Rachel Weaver

Staff writer

A group of graduate students schooled Sweetwater Center for the Arts board members in ways to improve marketing techniques last week.

Students in Dr. Gayle Marco's marketing class at Robert Morris University devised a plan to assist in the growth of the struggling non-profit agency.

"It showed us people on the outside have seen our internal problems," said Teena Verrico, Sweetwater Center for the Arts executive director.

Dr. Joseph Correa, president of the board for Sweetwater and professor of management at RMU, said the cooperation between the fine arts program at the university and the center will benefit the community by providing an opportunity to learn about art.

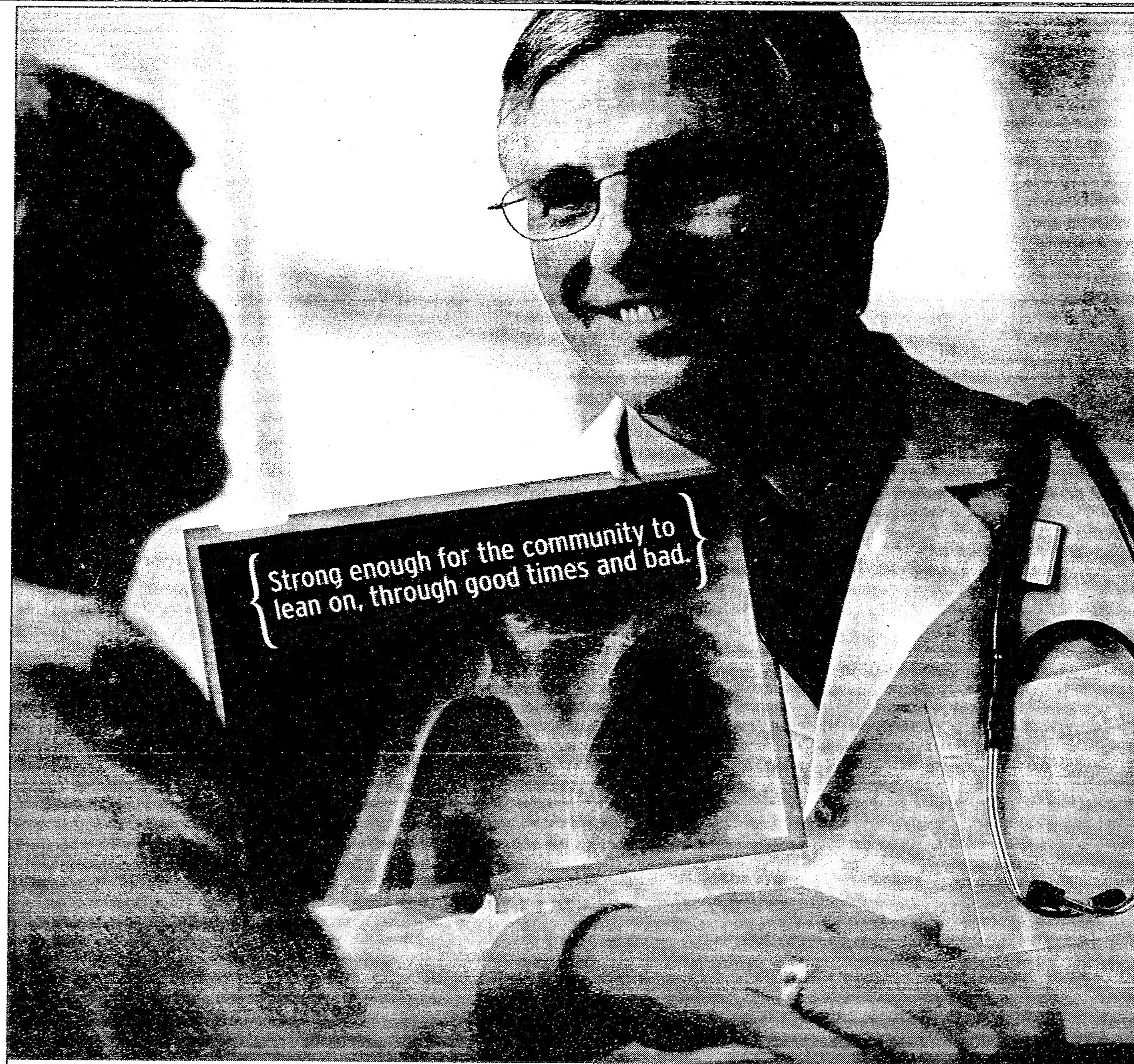
Over the last several years, Sweetwater, which offers classes for a wide range of students in many areas of art, has experienced a significant decline in participation and enrollment.

The center also is recovering from the 2003-04 fiscal year, which left it \$5,000 over budget. And last September, board members announced a planned rent increase for the center from \$36,000 to \$50,000 a year with costs including utilities exceeding \$80,000.

"They (students) were faced with real problems. They learned that's it's nice to say, 'Gee, I'd love to have a TV commercial,' but not if they don't have budget. They really had constraints, working with a non-profit with a small staff," said Marco.

While the six student presentations varied, one point was reiterated.

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LOCAL ROADWAYS

New bus route caters to residents near Leetsdale landslide

By Rachel Weaver

Staff writer

A new bus route in Leetsdale Borough is making mass transit travel possible but not perfect for area residents.

In early January, flooding and rainstorms caused a mudslide that covered 100 yards of Beaver Road, forcing the road to close.

The property is owned by Quaker Valley School District.

The road's condition made it impossible for Port Authority buses to travel through the borough. Residents had to walk to Edgeworth Borough or down to Ohio River Boulevard to catch a ride.

Two weeks ago, Port Authority changed the 16A Ohio River bus route in Leetsdale to assist residents who are inconvenienced by the detour.

Southbound buses now make a left turn off Ohio River Boulevard at the Quaker Village Plaza, a left turn onto Beaver Street, a left on Ferry Street and a left back on to Ohio River Boulevard.

The buses then turn left again at Village Street and then right on Beaver to continue normal routing.

The new temporary stops are

located at on the southbound side of Route 65 at Ferry Street and on Ferry Street at the traffic light at the Ohio River Boulevard intersection.

The northbound detour remains unchanged.

Lynn Kohlmeier, Leetsdale council member, said she has received a few calls from residents who are not satisfied regardless of the change.

"People who take the bus into town every morning have to go to the shopping center on these cold and snowy days because of the change," she said.

"With this weather, they have to wait there when the buses are late."

The revised detour will remain in effect until the landslide, located on Beaver Road between Broad and Cross streets in Leetsdale, can be safely cleared.

John Hanna, QVSD communications manager, said an engineering analysis and study of the hillside is under way.

There has been no word as of last week when the study will be concluded.

The district is offering the property for sale by live auction on March 18 at 10 a.m.



THE LANDSLIDE has caused concern for local motorists since January. An engineering study, paid for by the Quaker Valley School District, is under way. The roadway debris cannot be removed without more of the hillside falling.

SWEETWATER

Students put learning into real setting

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ated: Sweetwater's identity should not be taken for granted.

"As much as we think everyone in the Sewickley community knows about Sweetwater, that's not the case," said Wayne Murphy, board member. "Each presenter said Sweetwater is a real jewel in the community. Now we have to find ways to tell people about it."

First, students suggested eliminating the use of one word to refer to the center.

"We've all got into the habit of saying 'Sweetwater,' when it's really 'Sweetwater Center for the Arts.' Using the full name will let people know what the center's all about," said Murphy.

Student Shannon Mooney, 23, is from the South Hills and thought her professor was talking about a candy factory when she said "Sweetwater."

Through the project, Mooney, a culture enthusiast, learned about the center's value in the community.

"It's a really nice asset to area. Hopefully, what we did will help them," she said.

Because they found people taking Sweetwater classes are primarily female and chil-

dren, students suggested holding more programs attractive to men.

"I really thought it was a great to get fresh ideas from people not close to it," said Matthew Braksick, Sweetwater board member of seven years.

"I was very impressed. I was sitting there with my mind racing, thinking about things to act on."

RMU students also suggested purchasing computers to improve class offerings and partnering with neighboring institutions such as the Sewickley Valley YMCA and area schools to expand enrollment, some practices board members have already put in place.

"We've made a lot of changes and now we're seeing the results," said Verrico.

Most changes over the past six months at Sweetwater occurred in educational programming, with the addition of several courses, and the implementation of paired classes allowing parents to attend programs while children are taking a class.

Verrico said the center is moving ahead from its problems and will be hiring a new office assistant.

"There are rumors in the community that we're in trouble and that we'll not be around, but the board is very committed to having a vital program," said Braksick.

Care unit opens tomorrow

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SVH

ter months, rather than holding patients in the ER, we have 32 beds," said Hemyk.

The entire unit was designed with input from patient surveys and ideas from nurses, like Peggy Renne, progressive care unit nurse.

The beds are the newest model and are less than one year old.

They can lower to 18 inches from the ground to prevent patient falls or rise to bring the patient to a sitting position to aid in standing.

Each bed has a weighing system on them, so the patient doesn't have to get out of the bed to get weighed. They have immediate CPR releases to lower patient gently yet quickly.

The mattress' special material was created to avoid patient bedsores.

They can stretch to accommodate a person up to 7 feet tall, and they can hold a person who weighs up to 500 pounds.

Next to every bed is a flat

screen television with earphones allowing each patient to adjust the volume.

"That was one complaint on the patient surveys," said Renne. "There was one TV for two people."

There are sinks in every room to encourage frequent hand washing, which Brooks says is the most important strategy to decrease infection.

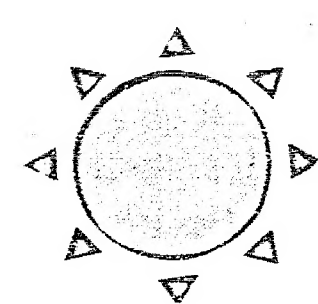
Meal service also has been upgraded for the unit. Each patient will order from a menu in his room and have it delivered at any desired time.

"All meals used to be delivered at 8:30 a.m., but some people don't want to eat until closer to 10. Now they can," said Hemyk.

The attention to detail is what SVH doctors and nurses hope makes the new progressive care unit a comfortable environment for all patients.

The unit opens for patients tomorrow.

RMU Island Sports Center

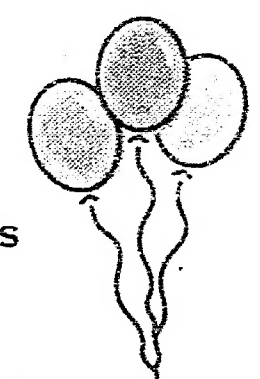


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QUAKER VALLEY Middle School marked the 101st birthday of Dr. Seuss on Wednesday, March 2, with a special "Cat in the Hat" cake created by Middle School Spanish Teacher Jonathan Truchan. The day-long celebration of reading was part of the school's "Read Across America" campaign, which also featured local "celebrities" (including district administrators and instruction staff) reading passages from selected books to Language Arts classes. Pictured in the middle school library (from left) are sixth-graders Brice Conrad, Jon Kerr, the Cat in the Hat Cake, Mara Wick, Shannon Rodgers and Ryan McRoberts.

AGENDA

Aleppo: 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., 100 North Drive.
Bell Acres: 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Big Sewickley Creek Firehall.

Edgeworth: 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Bldg., Beaver Road. **Glenfield:** 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Riverside Park.

Haysville: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., 34 South Avenue. **Leet:** 2nd Monday, 7:30, Municipal Bldg.

Leetsdale: 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Municipal Bldg., Broad Street.

Osborne: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30, Osborne Elementary.
Sewickley COW: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30, Borough Bldg. **Sewickley:** 3rd Monday, 7:30, Borough Building.

Sewickley Heights: 3rd Monday, 4:30, Borough Hall. **Sewickley Hills:** 1st Monday, 7:30, Fairhill Recreation Bldg.

Quaker Valley School Board: The legislative meeting is the 4th Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. at QVMS.



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SAFETY



GRAHAM AND Rt. 65 was the site of a recent fatal accident.

Residents question road safety after fatal crash

By Rachel Weaver
Staff writer

A fatal accident on Ohio River Boulevard last week heightened residents' concerns about speeding on the busy highway.

Chief John Mook of Sewickley Police Department said the Feb. 28 accident involved two motorists returning home from work on northbound Rt. 65.

Florence Williams, 61, of Freedom, Pa., was driving home from her job in Wilkins Township in the left lane of northbound Rt. 65.

When Williams changed lanes to avoid a traffic back-up, a Rhodes Transit school van driven by Hugh Yeagar, 67, of Beaver Falls, hit the right rear of her vehicle. Both cars spun and crossed across all four lanes of traffic.

A tractor-trailer traveling southbound struck the van, sending it airborne. The van, which was not carrying children, struck the home of Sandra Troia at 704 Ohio River Boulevard.

Yeagar was pronounced dead at Sewickley Valley Hospital. Williams was treated for injuries and released.

Local residents blame the accident on the excessive speeding they witness on the 40-mph road.

"It's no surprise," said Troia. "We all knew something like this would happen. They're saying speed had

nothing to do with it, but we know that's not the case. You can't get airborne without speed."

Borough manager Kevin Flannery said police patrols of the area are adequate.

"They've been on the boulevard at four or five different places," said Flannery.

"If you look at the ticket writing activity over the past few months, you're going to see quite a bit of activity. People are going to speed no matter what. It's a sad comment on drivers."

Residents have complained that patrols of the boulevard are at the ends of town near Osborne and Edgeworth and not near the Sewickley homes.

Troia, who has been trying to sell her home, said the accident has decreased the marketability of the house.

"It's like the Daytona 500, and over the years it's gotten very busy. The neighbors are in an uproar. Those who don't want to leave want this problem addressed," she said.

The accident report was turned over to the county because many witnesses are from out of the area. Allegheny County sergeant Chris Kerns said they will conduct an accident reconstruction.

Troia and other residents plan to give borough officials appropriate time to address the problem and then consider other ways to find a solution.

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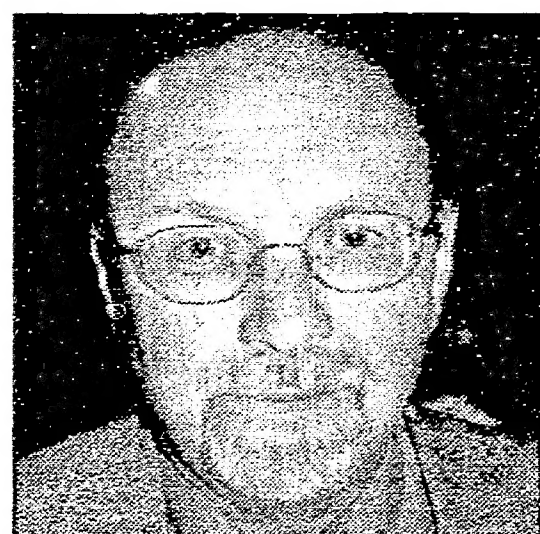
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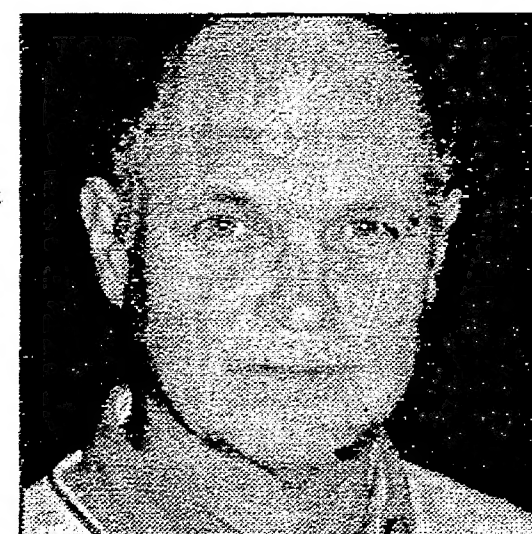
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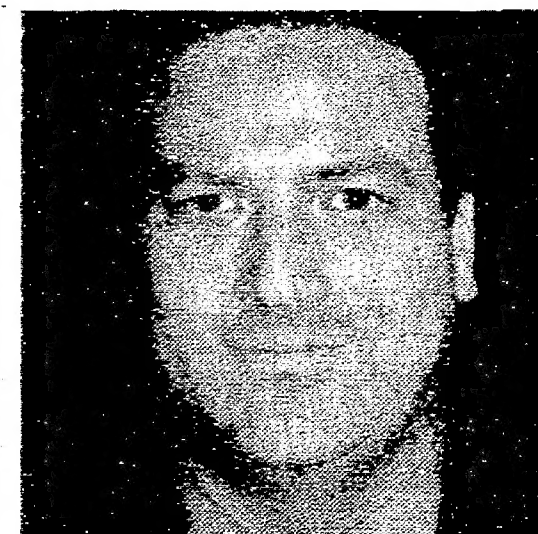
SID LAUTHER
Washington County
"... on the international level, 'Polio Plus,' put on by Rotary International, a worldwide effort to eradicate polio."



SAM ORISKOVICH
Aleppo Township
"I would say the Harvest Festival. It gets the community involved."



CHARLIE OGLE
Moon Township
"... 'Polio Plus.'"



RICHARD LEBOVITZ
Edgeworth
"... the local student of the month scholarships."

EDITORIAL

Three new names for Herald Honors roster

By Dona S. Dreeland

Editor

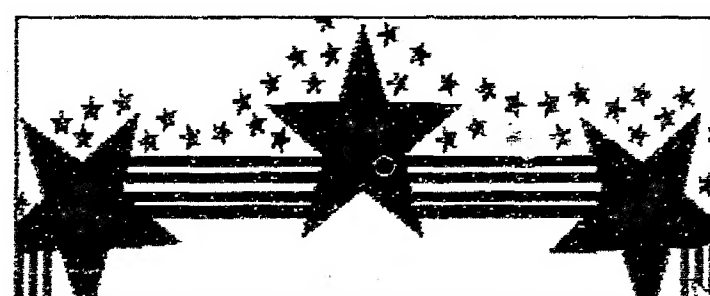
There will be spring. While forecasters predict squalls and wind chills, our community is cycling toward sunny days, the brightest one being the Herald Honors Dinner, planned for Friday, April 29.

On this night, hundreds will gather at the Edgeworth Club to celebrate another year of caring and to salute our neighbors and friends for their years of service and dedication to the highest of values.

This tradition was lovingly created in 1977 by B.G. Shields, Sewickley Herald editor, and her staff to honor residents who had given of their time and talents to make life in our town better for all.

This year we welcome three individuals who have shared their lives within our community with a sense of purpose and vision. For their efforts, we name **Joan Murdoch**, Woman of the Year, for her dedicated focus on education and care for children; **John Hayes**, Man of the Year, for his efforts in helping to establish a regional vision for our communities; and **Horton Semple Jr.**, Citizen of the Year, the literary light behind the Citizens for Soldiers Sewickley Cemetery monument restoration project, to our civic-minded fraternity.

The list of Man, Woman and Citizen of the Year honorees is long and their accomplishments many —



1976 - Gloria Berry, District Justice James E. Russo
1977 - John R. Simpson, Anne Patton
1978 - The Rev. Jackson Gabany, Ann Wardrop, Robert E. Lunn
1979 - Marvin M. Wedeen, Bam Behrer
1980 - David A. Nimick, Terry Webb, Joseph S. Palmer
1981 - William J. Wolf, Mary Louise Johnson, Raymond L. Hess Jr.
1982 - Ed Schroth, Peggy Rea, J. Judson Brooks
1983 - William Moore, Jean Bush, Committee for a Better Sewickley
1984 - Frederick Way Jr., Natasha Soroka Green, Walter Jacobucci
1985 - Dr. Robert Fusco, Helen Quinn, The Doctors Band
1986 - Leo Moss, Milana (Mim) Bizic, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Ferguson
1987 - James C. Chaplin III, Bettie Cole, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Colbert
1988 - Mario Melodia, Pat Pearson, Samuel C. Mahood
1989 - George F. Barber, Liza Nevin, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Metzger
1990 - G. Whitney Snyder, Mary Beth Pastorius, Florence Forsythe
1991 - Michael Zahorchak, Susan Craig, The Sewickley Singers
1992 - Sidney Selkovits, M.D., Anne Phipps, Neighbors Helping Neighbors
1993 - James Addison, Phyllis Semple, James Theys
1994 - William M. Kelly, Shirley Stevens,

Committee to Save the Sewickley Clock Tower
1995 - Ken Johns, Bonnie Casper, the founders of SewickleyNET (Dr. Robert Fusco, Mim Bizic, Dr. Joseph Marrone.)
1996 - Donald Spalding, Cynthia Giles, Flossie Manning
1997 - Frederic Potts, Judy Sherry, Reyne O'Shaughnessy Goetz
1998 - Lew Safran, Pam Wright, founders of The Belfry
1999 - The Board of Trustees of Sewickley Public Library and Mary Jane Williams
2000 - Lou Valenzi, Peggy Standish and Susan Gaca, Kevin Flannery
2001 - John Alexander, Agnes Pangburn, Marge Bennett
2002 - Tony Cicco, Carroll Logsdon, Leetsdale Community Activities Association
2003 - Dr. Richard Bowers, Margaret Marshall, Jim and Patricia Cavalier

These names are respected ones. Many of the good works that brought these men and women this special recognition have continued to this day. As professionals or volunteers, as individuals or members of an organization, these honorees have earned our collective appreciation for sharing their vision, skills and ideals.

Won't you join us as we celebrate again this year? Reservations for the dinner at the Edgeworth Club can be made by calling 412-388-5804. Let us know how many will attend and whom you will be honoring. Checks for the dinner (\$30 per person) can be made payable to "Herald Honors Dinner" and mailed to: Sewickley Herald, 1964 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

Writer comments on state of Aleppo

Dear Editor:

This city (Aleppo, in northern Syria) is believed to be one of the oldest in the world with its origin around 2000 B.C.

It has had a beleaguered existence, and it seems Aleppo Township is continuing in its (namesake's) history.

Taking a little license, the apocalypse is here ... pestilence (the ACLU), famine (expenses exceed revenue) and death (the ACLU will bankrupt the township).

It appears the township is

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being run by an appointed official (Mr. Rubb) rather than the elected officials.

I have been in management for over 30 years (never municipal), but it is inconceivable that managing a small municipality can be so complicated.

The theory of Occam's razor prevails in Aleppo.

(Occam's razor is the theory that the simplest explanation is

the most likely.)

If you are a resident/tax payer of this township, you have to be wondering how this mess of fraud, embezzlement and internecine-ness can be corrected.

Is it amalgamation? Would Osborne Borough be willing to incorporate it into its territory?

Of course, one has to wonder why Osborne would be interested, but all of that will be left to the political process.

R. Barbour
Sewickley

Marking the day in wonder

Dear Charlie,

As a little boy of 4 years and 3 months, you went to be with the Lord, 56 years ago on Sunday.

You were on your way to Sunday School when the door flew open as the car rounded a bend, and you fell out, hitting your head on a tree.

The door lock was later found to be defective.

I wonder if you will have become a "middle-aged" man?

Or will you still be my mischievous little son, holding Dad's hand as you both explore the wonders of heaven?

My thoughts and prayers are with you both always.

Ever your loving mom...
(Name withheld upon request)

HELPING HANDS

OVGH staff aids tsunami victims

The medical staff of Ohio Valley General Hospital has donated \$2,500 to Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF), a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit organization that provides medical, educational, and other humanitarian supplies to people around the world.

Brother's Brother Foundation immediately responded to the needs of survivors of the tsunami floods in South Asia.

The donation by Ohio Valley's medical staff will allow Brother's Brother Foundation to deliver medications, including pediatric and adult antibiotics and anti-malaria drugs to survivors in India and Sri Lanka.

"With this donation, the Ohio Valley medical staff is calling on our peers in the physician community to unite

in support of the tsunami relief efforts," says Theodore Molnar, M.D., Ohio Valley's medical staff president.

"Brother's Brother Foundation is a valuable asset to the community. We believe that, as healthcare providers, it is our duty to help Brother's Brother achieve its mission."

Donations to assist Brother's Brother with shipping costs for humanitarian supplies are greatly appreciated.

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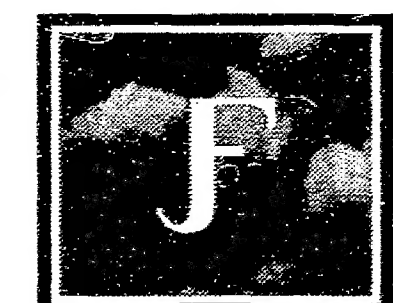
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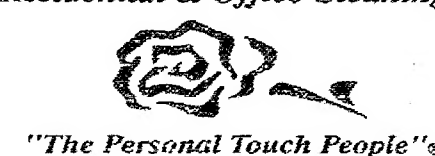
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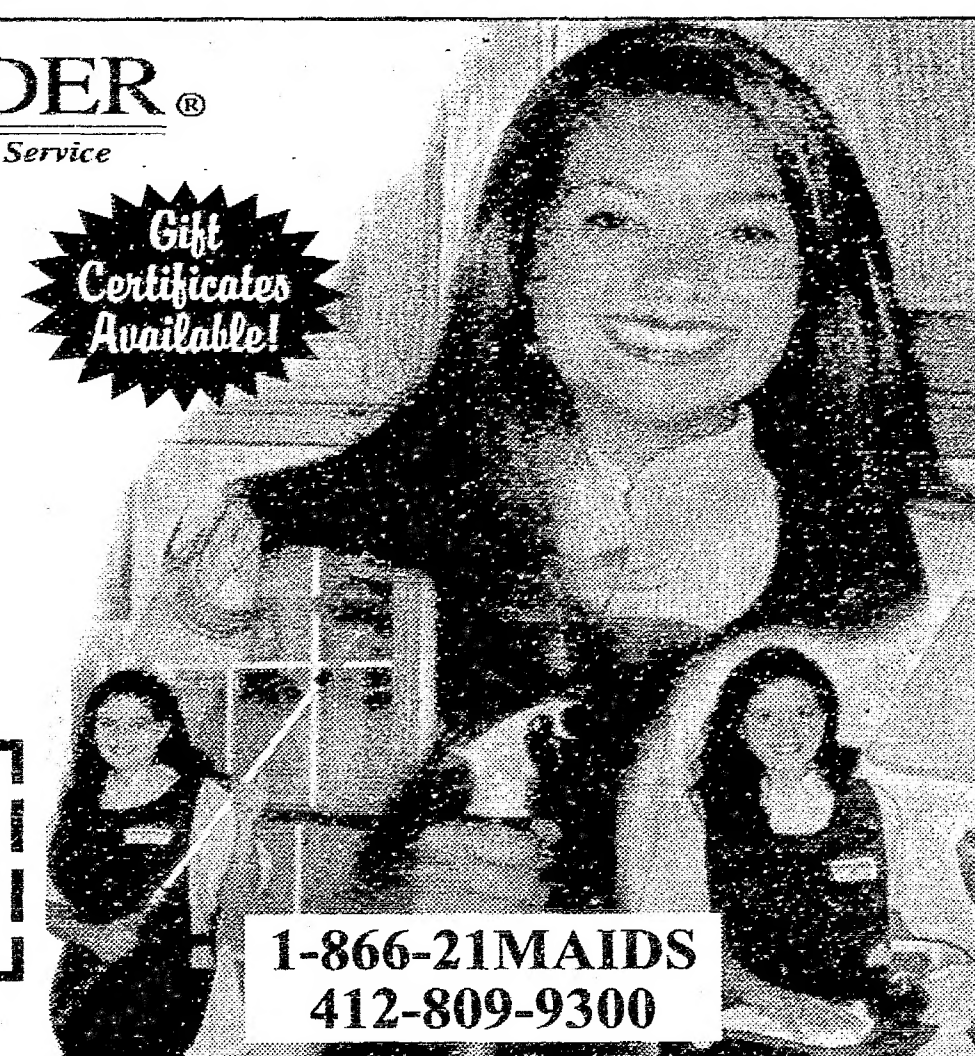
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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



PART OF the Rotary's local membership gathered for their weekly meeting. They are (from left) Sid Lauther, Sam Oriskovich, Rich Hays, Charlie Ogle, Sam Maccarone, Tony Colosimo, Rich Lebovitz and Wayne Hyjek.

Borough recognizes Rotary's 100th

By Rachel Weaver
Staff writer

A Sewickley area service organization has a 100-year history full of countless good deeds.

This year, the Quaker Valley Rotary is celebrating the founding of the international organization on Feb. 23, 1905, in Chicago as the world's first and largest non-profit service organizations.

There are more than 1.2 million Rotary club members in 165 countries dedicated to local, national and international service.

"The Rotary has lasted so long because of these service-minded individuals who like to contribute to the community," says Sam Maccarone, QV Rotary founding member and president.

At the Sewickley Borough Council meeting this month, Mayor John Wise presented Maccarone and Charles Ogle, Rotary member, with a proclamation honoring the group for its efforts in the community.

"I do hereby proclaim Feb. 23, 2005, as Rotary International Day and encourage all citizens to join us in recognizing Rotary International for 100 years of service to improving the human condition in local communities around the world," read Wise.

After being presented with the proclamation, Maccarone and Ogle gave council a check for \$2,600 to go toward the borough's annual Harvest

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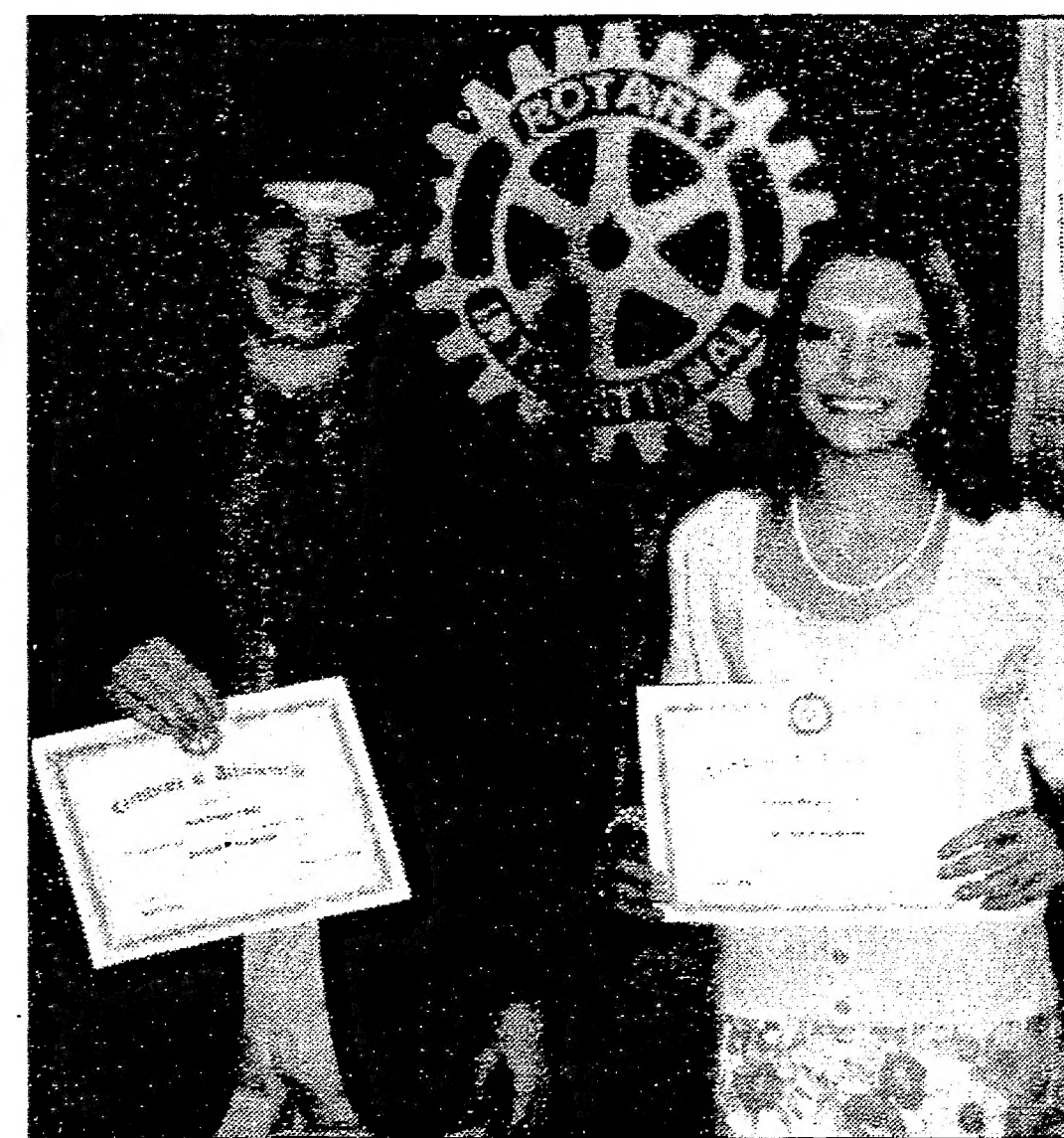
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ROTARY HONORS



EARNING ROTARY honors for February were Chelsie Morgan Corbett and Alex Gregory Bob, both students at Quaker Valley High School.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Rotary continues to serve

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Festival, which the Rotary sponsors with the Sewickley Kiwanis.

The money will be used for tables and chairs at the event.

"We really appreciate the borough being thoughtful enough to recognize the Rotary and the things we do in the community," said Maccarone.

The QV Rotary was founded in 1987 to provide service to the 11 communities of the Quaker Valley area.

Today, the 15 club members sponsor the Halloween and Santa parades each year.

Each month, they honor two ninth grade QV students as Rotary Students of the Month with a certificate and a \$50 bond and two 10th grade students honored as the Most Improved Students with \$100 savings bonds.

The students then receive \$1,000 scholarships upon acceptance at colleges or technical schools.

nical schools.

At the national level, the group has donated more than \$1 million to the Polio Eradication Campaign, dedicated to providing children with the vaccine.

Since their efforts began in 1988, polio cases have dropped by 99 percent.

To celebrate the centennial anniversary, five members of the local chapter will attend the International Rotary convention in Chicago this June.

Though the group has a century-old history, Maccarone says the organization's biggest obstacle is overcoming obscurity.

"Most people don't know what Rotary is. But for people who like to help and participate in service, this is a great organization to do that through."

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Obstetrics

(March 9, 2005) - Obstetrics is a medical specialty that is focused on the treatment of women throughout the process of pregnancy, labor, childbirth. Obstetricians promote the overall health of the mother and her baby through pre-pregnancy health evaluations, prenatal care, delivery, and postpartum care.

Obstetrics has a rich history and has been considered as the most ancient medical art. Up until the late 19th century, obstetrics was referred to as midwifery. The term obstetrics is actually derived from the Latin word for midwife. Today, a specialist who practices obstetrics is known as an obstetrician while a nurse who takes part in the care of a woman during pregnancy and childbirth is known as a midwife. Obstetrics is intimately related with gynecology, and the two are commonly referred to together as OBGYN.

Obstetricians are very involved in the entire childbirth process and offer such services as pre-pregnancy counseling, care for normal and complicated or high-risk pregnancies, in-hospital care during labor and delivery, postpartum (after delivery) care for the mother, breastfeeding support and lactation consultation; ultrasound services to ensure the well-being of the unborn child, and various family planning services.

"Prenatal care with your obstetrician is very important in the overall health of both the mother and her baby," says Dr. Kristine Santerini of Sewickley Valley Hospital. "The obstetrician has a vital role in ensuring the health of both mother and baby not only during childbirth, but also in the months prior to and following childbirth."

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QV teacher earns leadership award

Quaker Valley teacher Elizabeth Crum has received the Mead Fellowship award from the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

The award, which enables a foreign language teacher to be recognized as a leader and to attend the NECTFL spring conference in New York City, also requires the recipient to conduct a leadership project at the local level.

Crum, a QV teacher since 1996, teaches Spanish to fifth graders at Osborne Elementary School and English as a Second Language at Quaker Valley Middle School and at Osborne.

In the district, formal instruction in Spanish begins in the fifth grade.

For the next year, Crum will be conducting her project and will present the results of her work at the conference in the spring 2006, as well as at the Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association fall conference in 2005.

She also will represent Quaker Valley at various conferences and events in the field of foreign language education held throughout the year.

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Gerle

Ens. Justin Gerle, assigned to Training Squadron 31, pinned on the Wings of Gold during a "winging" ceremony on board Naval Air Station Corpus Christi on Feb. 25.

Gerle, son of Dennis and Mary Gerle of Sewickley, completed more than 24 weeks of pilot training, including basic instruments, precision aerobatics, formation flying, night familiarization and radio instruments.

VT-31 is one of four aviation training squadrons attached to Training Air Wing Four and is one of two advanced multi-engine training squadrons.

VT-31 carries a staff of 69 officers and 19 enlisted personnel whose primary mission continues to be training the military aviators.

Gerle's next duty station is Patrol Squadron 30 in Jacksonville, Fla., where he will fly the P-3C Orion in support of missions all over the world.

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Sen. Pippy reintroduces tax relief legislation

Citing the increasing burden imposed by real estate taxes on Allegheny's older residents, State Sen. John Pippy reintroduced legislation to make more senior citizens eligible for a county tax relief program.

"Through reassessment and facing rising costs of living, an increasing number of our older residents are finding it difficult to pay their real estate taxes," said Pippy.

"I am introducing this legislation because it is essential that we look for ways to help people meet their tax burden and eliminate the fears that they may lose their homes."

Pippy introduced Senate Bill 405, a bill that would increase the income limit for a program offered to senior citizens by Allegheny County for their county real estate tax bills to \$31,500.

Under the program, eligible senior citizens receive a flat 30 percent discount on their county tax bills.

Pippy has been a strong proponent of legislation to cut real estate taxes.

In fact, SB 405 mirrors the language of Senate Bill 1253, a bill Pippy introduced during the 2003-04 Legislative Session.

"Allegheny County offers a good program that reduces the tax burden on older residents," Pippy said.

"My legislation would open that up to more people and provide them with real relief from the burden imposed by those taxes."

Also, State Sen. John Pippy is now serving as the co-chairman of Pennsylvania's delegation to the largest non-partisan organization of state lawmakers in the nation.

As the co-chairman of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) for Pennsylvania, along with State Rep. Ron Marsico, Pippy is in a prime position to develop policy on key issues with his colleagues from across the nation.

Pippy has been active with ALEC since 1998 and has served as the head of its Home-land Security Task Force.

ALEC is the nation's largest nonpartisan, individual membership organization of state

legislators, with more than 2,400 legislative from all 50 states and 99 alumni members serving in the U.S. Congress.

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Mustio announces recycling grants

State Rep. Mark Mustio announced that Sewickley and Sewickley Heights boroughs

have been awarded grants totaling \$161,550 each under the Recycling Development and Implementation Grant Program.

The grants will implement a multi-municipal yard waste collection and composting program.

"A multi-municipal collection and composting program is just one of the available measures for communities to maximize the benefits of recycling," said Mustio.

"At the same time, we need to educate the public about the benefit of recycling and waste

reduction. Taken together, both approaches can significantly reduce pollution and disposal costs, conserve natural resources and save energy and landfill space."

This grant program provides funding for all aspects of municipal recycling and composting programs, including public education, collection and processing equipment.

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Youth Connect creates first solid link

By Sarah Mills
Herald contributor

COMMUNITY

Despite bad weather, 15 people showed up at the Sewickley Public Library last week for the first meeting of Youth Connect.

Youth Connect, a practical resource for parents in the community, was initiated by school board member Joan Murdoch, youth leader Becky Cartus and other concerned parents.

"Parents in town felt the need for education, to take a look at the kids and what they needed to do to feel connected to the community," said Alan Carson, guidance counselor at Quaker Valley Middle School and the speaker at the March 3 meeting.

He spoke on "Keeping the Connections: Parenting in the 21st century."

Youth Connect hopes to hold workshops once a month during the school year at varying

locations around the community.

"The school wants to be a part, but we want it to be community-based, not school-based," said Carson.

The program is based on the "40 Developmental Assets," as discovered by the Search Institute.

The assets are a "tool for assessing the health and well-being of middle- and high-school aged students in a community. They are the common core of developmental building blocks crucial for all youth," according to the Search Institute.

"They look at what we can do to help kids feel more connected to their community, committed to learning and being good citizens," said Carson.

Although the assets were

created for middle and high-school youth, the Youth Connect program is for parents of children of all ages.

"The goal is to support kids and make them feel the community cares for them, and to strengthen parents to be the guiding force they need to be for their children," said Carson.

The group is still young, and anticipates a possible name change. It also looks to add parent-student meetings sometime in the future.

Youth Connect is sponsored by the Sewickley Ministerium, Quaker Valley School District, Sewickley Academy, The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley, and the AAUW - Coraopolis Branch.

Future topics to be offered include "Making the Connection in the Neighborhood" and "Making the Connection for a Healthy Community."

The public is invited to attend.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Area teens return for mock trial finals

Two teams from Quaker Valley High School and one team from Sewickley Academy will compete in the final round of competition in the Allegheny County High School Mock Trial Competition.

The event will be held Tuesday, March 22, at the Allegheny County Courthouse, downtown Pittsburgh.

The winner of this final round will advance from a field of 30 area school districts onto the PBA Statewide Mock Trial

Championships to be held April 1-2 in Harrisburg.

The winner of the state championship will represent Pennsylvania at the national mock trial finals in May to be held in Charlotte, N.C.

Pennsylvania has one of the largest mock trial programs in the nation.

Cookbook benefit

Lucy Gross, an 8th grader at Quaker Valley Middle School, has created a dessert cookbook for her 2005 International

Baccalaureate project.

She sold her "Delectable Desserts & Creative Cookies" cookbook at Sewickley Valley YMCA.

All proceeds (at \$5 per cookbook) will be distributed to the Tsunami Relief Fund.

Lucy's cookbook is a paperback, spiral-bound, colorful piece featuring 41 pages of recipes.

She collected the recipes from friends, family members, and local chefs.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kids workshops for family night

By Sarah Mills
Herald contributor

Sweetwater Center for the Arts' new "Friday Night Workshops for Kids" are the perfect solution for parents with last-minute plans, or for families who just want to get out of the house and experience a little art and entertainment.

In addition to the jazz series taking place Fridays March 11 and 18 and April 8, Sweetwater is hosting varied art activities for children age 4 and up.

"We wanted to do something that would give some entertainment on Friday nights for the kids, to offer quality arts activities," said Karen White of Sweetwater.

There will be three workshops each night, a program for each age level: preschool, age 4 - 6; children, age 6 - 10; and teens, age 11 and up. The classes will be taught by Sweetwater's many instructors.

Topics for preschoolers include a St. Patrick's Day workshop, Easter Crafts, Handprint Art, Homemade Playdough and Polymer Crafts, Let's Be Detectives, Drawing Dinosaurs, Mother's Day Crafts and Sea Creatures.

Children's workshops include Self Portraits with Clay, Abstract Art, Cartooning, Acting, Mosaics, Candy Making, Beading, Pop Art Prints and Pizza Party. Teen workshops include Portraits, Beading, Darkroom Techniques, Jewelry, Candle Making, Collage, Pop Art Prints, Painting and Illustration.

"The arts are very enriching for children's lives. It's very important to the developmental process. If you introduce them to the arts, it broadens their person," said White.

There is a 10-child limit per class. Workshop tuition is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members plus a \$10 material fee.

Tickets for the jazz events can be purchased in advance at Sweetwater or at the door the night of the event at \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Joe Negri, well known guitarist, will perform this Friday.

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served in Sweetwater's community room.

To register or for more information, call 412-741-4405.

SPOTLIGHT

Local students experience nature of sap

By Jon Paul Creese
Staff writer

There is more to gathering sap than one might expect, especially if it's done using the old Native American method involving a stone axe, antlers, hollowed logs and rocks.

Osborne second-graders got a crash-course Friday morning on the tradition of maple syrup production at the Fern Hollow Nature Center.

They also learned a bit of local history. According to folklore, Sewickley is Native American for "Sweet Water," which may have earned its fame from a disgruntled Indian who was ordered to gather water to boil.

The man, being a proud hunter and warrior, became enraged by the request and threw his axe into a maple tree. Out poured the sap, and he gathered a bucketful and brought it home.

A squaw, thinking it was water, boiled the sweet elixir, and, as it boiled, it became even sweeter.

Children listened with fascination as Diane Abell of Little Sewickley Creek Nature Guides committee told them the tale while demonstrating various methods of gathering, cooking and carrying sap used to make syrup.

The group trudged through the snow to a sugar maple in a field near the center where Abell explained the process of boring into the tree using an auger. The sap would not flow on this frigid February morning, but a bucketful of clear, frozen sap beside the tree testified to an earlier success.

"They didn't have metal. Everything was done with wood and stone," Abell said. "Now, we use plastic bags and tubing."

The process was slightly altered by the pioneers with the advent of galvanized metal, and, rather than slicing the trees with axes, they began boring holes into them to cause less damage.

Traditionally, sap was collected in buckets and heated with hot rocks placed in hollowed logs, Abell said.

The children took turns moving the "hot" rocks with deer antlers after the native fashion and then experimented carrying sap (weighted plastic bags were used in lieu of actual buckets of sap) with a wooden yoke anchored across their shoulders.

Inside the nature center another group "built" a human tree as Jean Daniels, LSCNG president, explained its anatomy starting with the strong, dead core then adding roots, branches and



KATIE PEACE (above) uses antlers as lifting tools as her classmates look on. At right, Clay Noies carries a load the old-fashioned way.



leaves. She also described the photosynthesis process.

"It helps them learn about the different parts of the tree and how a tree works," she said. "This actually gets them involved. They really love it."

Daniels also displayed samples of various products made from sap including brown granulated sugar, cookies and, of course, maple syrup.

Another section in the round-robin demonstration displayed graphics of leaves and maple seeds, known in many adolescent circles as "helicopters."

The children learned how to identify some of the more common trees in the winter months using the acronym MAD HORSE. If the twigs are opposite from one another, rather than alternate, then it may be a maple, ash, dogwood or horse chestnut.

The morning would not have been complete without treats, and samples of pure maple syrup were on hand.

"Most kids have never had pure maple syrup," Daniels said, explaining that traditional American brands, like Mrs. Butterworth's, have little or no real maple sap.

The also had pretzel twigs for dipping.

Little Sewickley Creek Nature Guides, formed in 1976, promotes nature education for children through direct experience. The group of volunteers sponsors nature walks, bird walks and other outdoor activities.

Donations are needed to update the group's aging slide sets, provide training materials and purchase office supplies. For donations of \$5 or more, pressed-flower bookmarks are available as "thank you" gifts. The bookmarks are handmade from real flowers and laminated.

The group will host a spring orientation and sign up April 6 at the Fern Hollow Nature Center from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Daniels at 412-741-0898.

UPCOMING

Verland sponsors blood drive

Verland, a 24-hour care facility for children and adults with mental retardation, is sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, March 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its Sewickley facility for the Central Blood Bank.

You can donate blood if you weigh at least 103 pounds, are in good health, are at least 17 years old (there is no maximum age), and have not given blood in the past eight weeks.

To register to donate blood, call Arlene at 412-741-2578.

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THINGS TO DO

Murray's art at The Cafe to benefit Sterner Fund

"Local Color," the artwork of Gail Murray, Edgeworth resident, is now on exhibit at The Sewickley Cafe.

The show features many recognizable scenes in Edgeworth, Sewickley, Pittsburgh and Kennywood Park. The artwork originates as photographs, which are then transformed digitally.

They are printed as limited editions on a high resolution archival ink printer.

The resulting pieces resemble watercolors, pastel drawings and silkscreens.

Murray has been a graphic designer and fine artist for more than 25 years, and this recent technology is a harmonious blend of both artforms.

Part of the proceeds from the show will be donated to Alina Sterner, a fourth grader at Edgeworth Elementary, who is undergoing treatments for leukemia.

Earth Day at Fern Hollow

An Earth Day celebration will be held at Fern Hollow Nature Center, March 21-March 25, from noon to 4 p.m.

"Budding" naturalists will delight in discovery, creativity, and environmental activities.

A healthful lunch will be followed by an afternoon of walks, games, stories, gardening and earth art projects — paper making, tie-dyeing, landscape drawing, collage, fabric hanging and painting.

April Claus and her critters will visit to teach about animals, their habitat and habits.

Mary Lewis will add other activities of movement and art.

Mother Nature will dig in the garden and help plan some take-home butterfly gardens.

Weather permitting, kites will fly!

Earth Day is open to elementary age children.

The fee for members is \$25 per day or \$100 for the week, plus \$10 material fee. For an extra fee, child care is available in the morning.



Call or e-mail to reserve a space at 412-741-6136 or fhnc@verizon.net

Easter fun

Fern Hollow Nature Center welcomes its young friends to the annual Easter Celebration on Saturday, March 19, from 2-4 p.m.

Activities may include dyeing eggs with surprise ingredients.

Refreshments will be provided.

For reservations call Sam Capezuto at 412-741-6136 or email fhnc@verizon.net

Space is limited. Reservations must be made by March 17. Children under five years should bring a "helper"

The fee for center members is \$5 per family; for non-members, \$10 per family.

Alumnae meeting

Ginny Wheeler will discuss anodyne therapy and wound care at the Sewickley Valley Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the hospital dining room.

Reservations may be made by calling Gertrude at 724-375-4808 or Florence at 412-264-5396 by Saturday.

Children's program

The Village Garden Club of Sewickley will host an educational program for children at the Sewickley Public Library on Monday, March 14, beginning at 7 p.m.

Entitled, "Island Survival," the program is directed at children in grades 2 through 6.

Sue McJunkin, a specialist with the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, will answer the question, "What do you need to survive on an island?"

Children will learn how humans change an island's habitat and about biodiversity in Hawaii. To register, call the library at 412-741-6920.

Local memberships welcome super talents

The Woman's Club of Sewickley Valley will welcome two Pittsburgh notables in the upcoming weeks.

On March 14, Dawn Keezer, director of the Pittsburgh Film Office, will talk about her work in attracting 59 feature films and television projects to the area.

Then on March 21, Barry Paris will present "Opposite Icons: Greta Garbo and Audrey Hepburn."

He has written biographies of both women. Garbo was mysterious, giving no interviews in the last 50 years of her life. Hepburn was a devoted mother who never stopped speaking on behalf of the world's children.

Paris will use film and audio excerpts to examine the lives and work of these cultural icons.

Paris is an award-winning biographer, film and music critic, film historian, performing arts critic and Slavic linguist.

He is the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's film critic and cohost of the WQED-FM Sunday Arts Magazine.

CLUB DATES

The Woman's Club of Sewickley Valley meets twice a month on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at the Edgeworth Club.

Membership applications are available at the club's reception desk.

For more information about the club, call 412-741-3030.

Senior Men's Club

Members of the Senior Men's Club will meet Rob Zellers, producer/playwright of "The Chief," the story of Art Rooney Sr. on Friday at 10 a.m.

His first play, this was a collaboration with sports columnist Gene Collier.

It was performed at Pittsburgh Public Theater in 2003 to rave reviews.

On Friday, March 18, the club will welcome Mike Wagner, member of the 1971-1980 Steel Curtain Defense.

The club meets at Sewickley Valley YMCA each Friday at 9:30 a.m.



Dawn Keezer



Mike Wagner



Barry Paris

OF NOTE

Fish Fridays at St. James

Fish Fry Fridays are back at St. James Church, Sewickley.

The dinners will be held every Friday through March 25 in the St. James School cafeteria from 4-7 p.m.

The menu includes baked or fried fish, salmon, steak fries, cole slaw, apple sauce, macaroni and cheese, fish chowder, halushki and pierogies.

And for those with a sweet tooth, there will also be a bake sale available every week.

Prices range from \$3.50 for the fish sandwich to \$7 for the salmon dinner with beverages included.

There are discounted prices for senior citizens — \$5 for the large fish dinner and \$6 for the salmon dinner.

Take-out is available by calling 412-741-2747.

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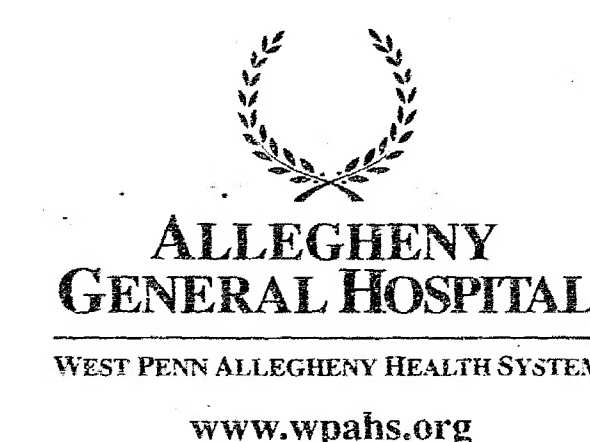
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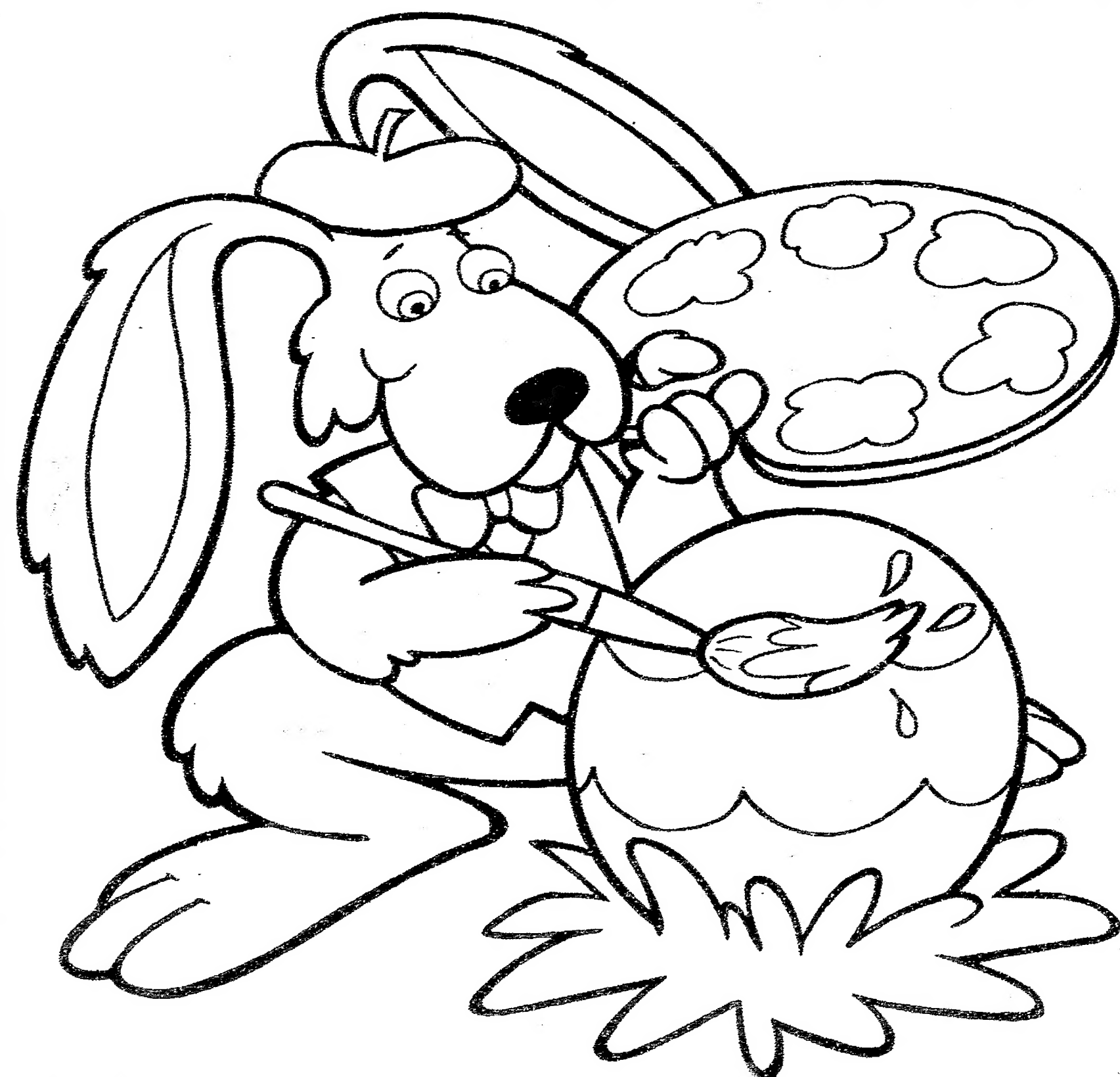
For an event brochure, call Allegheny General Hospital at 1-877-284-2000.

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BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Rader of Harmony Township announce the birth of their first child, a son, Garrett Morse-Koster Rader, on Feb. 18, 2005, in Sewickley Valley Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces. Maternal grandparents are the late Edwin Koster and Marie Koster of Leet Township. Paternal grandparents are Brian and Alice Rader of Miami, Fla.

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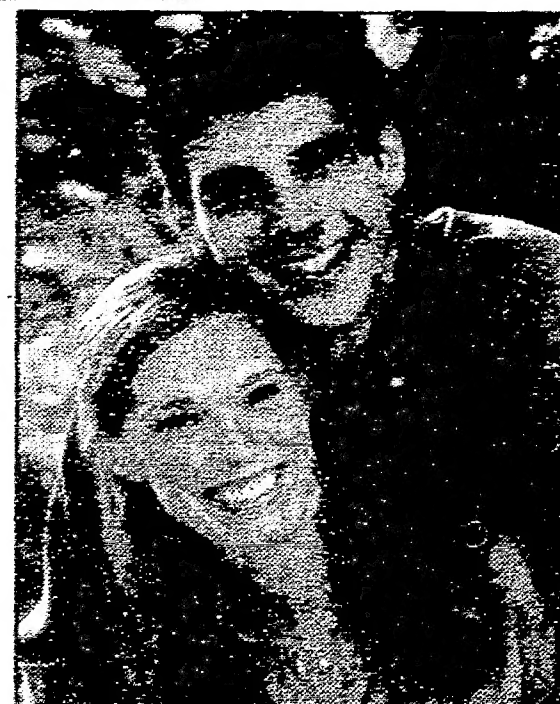
ENGAGEMENTS

SCHROEDER-KASTROUNIS

Kristi Anne Schroeder, daughter of Larry and Stephanie Schroeder, of Chaska, Minn., and Jason Kastrounis, son of George Kastrounis, of Ambridge, and Jennie Kastrounis, of Sewickley, have announced their engagement.

Schroeder is a 2001 graduate of Chaska High School, and a January 2005 graduate of Calvin College.

Kastrounis is a 2000 graduate of Quaker Valley High School and a 2004 graduate of Calvin College.



Kastrounis plans to pursue youth ministry in the Pittsburgh area.

SCOTT-HERMAN

Shawn and Lou Ann (Yant) Scott of Marshall Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Kristine Scott of Marshall Township, to Jason John Herman of Sewickley, son of Albert and (the late) Margaret (Boss) Herman of Sewickley.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of North Allegheny High School in Wexford. She received her degree in communications at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. She is employed as a marketing/development assistant at the Woodlands Foundation in Wexford.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Quaker Valley High School. He is employed in Pharmaceutical Sales at Valley Drug in New Castle.



The wedding will be held on Sept. 10, 2005 at the Sewickley United Methodist Church.

JORDAN-EVANS

George P. Jordan III of Mount Washington and Jane M. Reilly, formerly of Sewickley, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kate Reilly Jordan, to Thomas Edward Evans, son of Thomas A. Evans of Fox Chapel and Maryjane Evans of Ligonier.

The bride-to-be, the granddaughter of Sam and Edith Monsour of Blawnox, is a graduate of Quaker Valley High School and the University of Delaware.

She is the coordinator of Project Match at Lifework of Western Pennsylvania.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Shady Side Academy and the University of South Alabama.



He is the assistant controller of Pro Grass LLC.

A June 2005 wedding is planned.

When your family has something to celebrate, share that joy with your neighbors. Send information to Sewickley Herald, 1964 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220; or e-mail sewickley.herald@gatewaynewspapers.com

CLASSES

Heritage Valley health events

CPR classes are held on a regular basis at Heritage Valley Health System.

An Adult CPR (Heartsaver) class will be held Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at Sewickley Valley Hospital.

Attendees will learn how to perform CPR and the Heimlich maneuver on an adult. A \$25 fee, which may be reimbursable by insurance, is charged for this class.

To register, call Mary Carolyn Nash at 412-749-7120, or e-mail your name, address, phone number and date of the class to mnash@hvhs.org.

For new moms

Storkbites is a support group for mothers with a baby under a year old, which gives mothers a chance to talk with other mothers who are going through the same amazing and life-changing experience.

Not only is it a great way to find support, it is also a great way to make new friends.

Mothers may bring their baby with them to the meeting.

Storkbites meets for 6 weeks and has a different topic for each meeting.

The next 6-week meeting set will begin on Tuesday, March 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sharon Presbyterian Church in Moon Township.

The meetings are facilitated by Edith Davidson, Gail Jackson and Diana Cooper, nurses from Sewickley Valley Hospital Women's Health.

For more information, call Diana Cooper at 412-749-7625 or Edith Davidson at 412-749-7494.

TMC class

A two-part "Breastfeeding for Moms-to-Be" class is scheduled for March 28 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at The Medical Center, Beaver (TMC).

The course, taught by a lactation (breastfeeding) consultant, will provide expectant mothers with guidelines for a successful breastfeeding experience. There is a \$5 fee per person per session; guests can attend for free.

A Maternity Center Tour for expectant parents is scheduled for March 14 at 6 p.m. at TMC.

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April 6, 2005

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April 22, 2005

Hot Topics Summit

7:30 am - Embassy Suites

Cost: Members \$30, Members at Door \$35, Non-members \$45

This event is a gathering of several regional leaders who will speak on issues that affect how we do business in our region. Ronnie Bryant from the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance is one of the many scheduled speakers.

April 29, 2005

Taking Care of Business

7:30 am - Radisson Greentree

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At this breakfast event, a group of

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EVENT

Battle of Bands

The very first Quaker Valley Battle of the Bands: Band Aid 2005 will be held on April 1.

Sophomore Molly McCoy will host this concert as her IB (International Baccalaureate) project at Quaker Valley.

Proceeds will benefit the victims of the recent Southeast Asia tsunami via the CARE organization.

Bands from Quaker Valley and Sewickley Academy will take part.

Everyone who attends will be able to vote for a band by placing their ticket stub into a labeled bin.

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PLAY DATE

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The performance dates and times are: Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 16, at 1 p.m., and 8 p.m.

All shows will be held in the high school auditorium.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens.

Tickets will be sold in the gym lobby from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, and between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on April 9.

Tickets may also be available at the door, unless the performance is sold out ahead of time.

The advanced ticket purchase form may be downloaded at www.qvsh.org.

The completed form along with payment by check made out to "Quaker Valley High School Musical" and a stamped self-addressed return envelope should be mailed to Sandy Ford-Tickets, 714 Beaver Road, Leetsdale, PA 15056.

For more information, call 412-741-8852 or e-mail rfordfamily@msn.com.



ON STAGE at Quaker Valley Middle School last week were the young talents of (above) Kate Miltenberger as "Ms. Kilroy" and Colin Faden as "Axel Magee" and (at right) Jake McCarty as "Walter Hollander" in Woody Allen's comedy "Don't Drink the Water." Two full casts were directed by Margot Bruno and Beth Hendrickson and assisted by Annette Matthews.

QVMS PRESENTS

"Don't Drink the Water"

by Woody Allen



Photos by Tim Edmonson

STUDENT FORUM

License: another key to coming of age

By Anna Lee

Student columnist

A driver's license: the ultimate teenage rite of passage.

Most students begin pining for that powerful piece of plastic as freshmen, dreaming of movies to see and people to visit. By junior year, when the bulk of us reach that landmark 16 and six long months, we speed out, ready for the test.

But not me.

Sixteen came and went without even a permit to show. Less than a month before my seventeenth birthday, my father drove me to the licensing center where, twisting with anxiety and trying to recall when to turn down my high beams, I passed my permit test.

This time I told myself, exactly six months from today, you will take your driver's test.

So I drove, carting my family to and from the grocery store and the mall, dreaming of me as Easy Rider, cruising down Route 66. And dreading the most fearsome task yet, parallel parking.

Driving the side streets, my mother and I searched for that elusive parallel parking spot. Two (not new) cars parked on a



Anna Lee

quiet street not too close or far apart without fire hydrants and trees in my way.

I also placed overturned trashcans along my street as a "mock spot." After careful measuring and placing them the exact distance from the curb, I pulled alongside them.

At least I assumed I was next to them; when you practice in a pickup truck, trashcans are about two feet too short to see.

Finally I drove to the center ready for my test. Reviewing my windshield wipers, lights and signals, I was ready.

I pulled up to the stop sign, turned and promptly failed for

driving on the wrong side of the road.

This was a setback, but two weeks later, and on the right side of the road, I passed my test.

Looking around at students in the school parking lot, I see sophomores and juniors dwarfed by their cars. Why is there such a rush to reach that pinnacle, license firmly in wallet?

Some students have to drive themselves from school, to basketball practice, then work. Others need to drive younger siblings or do errands.

But more likely, we crave that independence. What spells freedom more to a rebellious teen than a quarter tank of gas, an IPOD and a strawberry-scented hula dancer air freshener?

Anna Lee is a senior at Quaker Valley High School. In addition to taking AP and Honors classes, she works part-time at Sewickley Public Library and contributes to the school literary magazine, "Bittersweet."

She is co-president of the Key Club and community service chair for National Honors Society.

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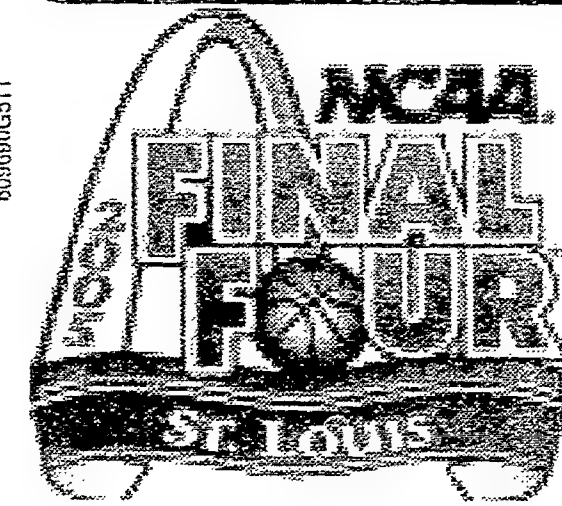
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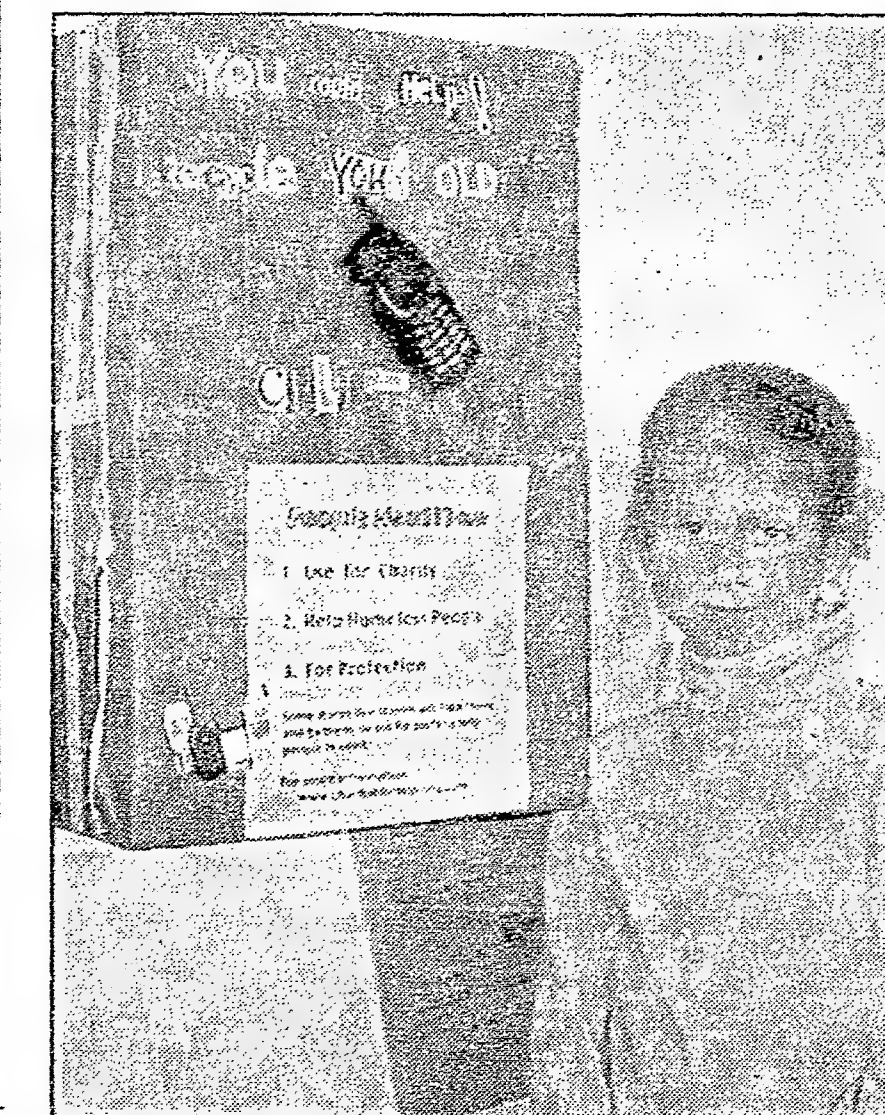
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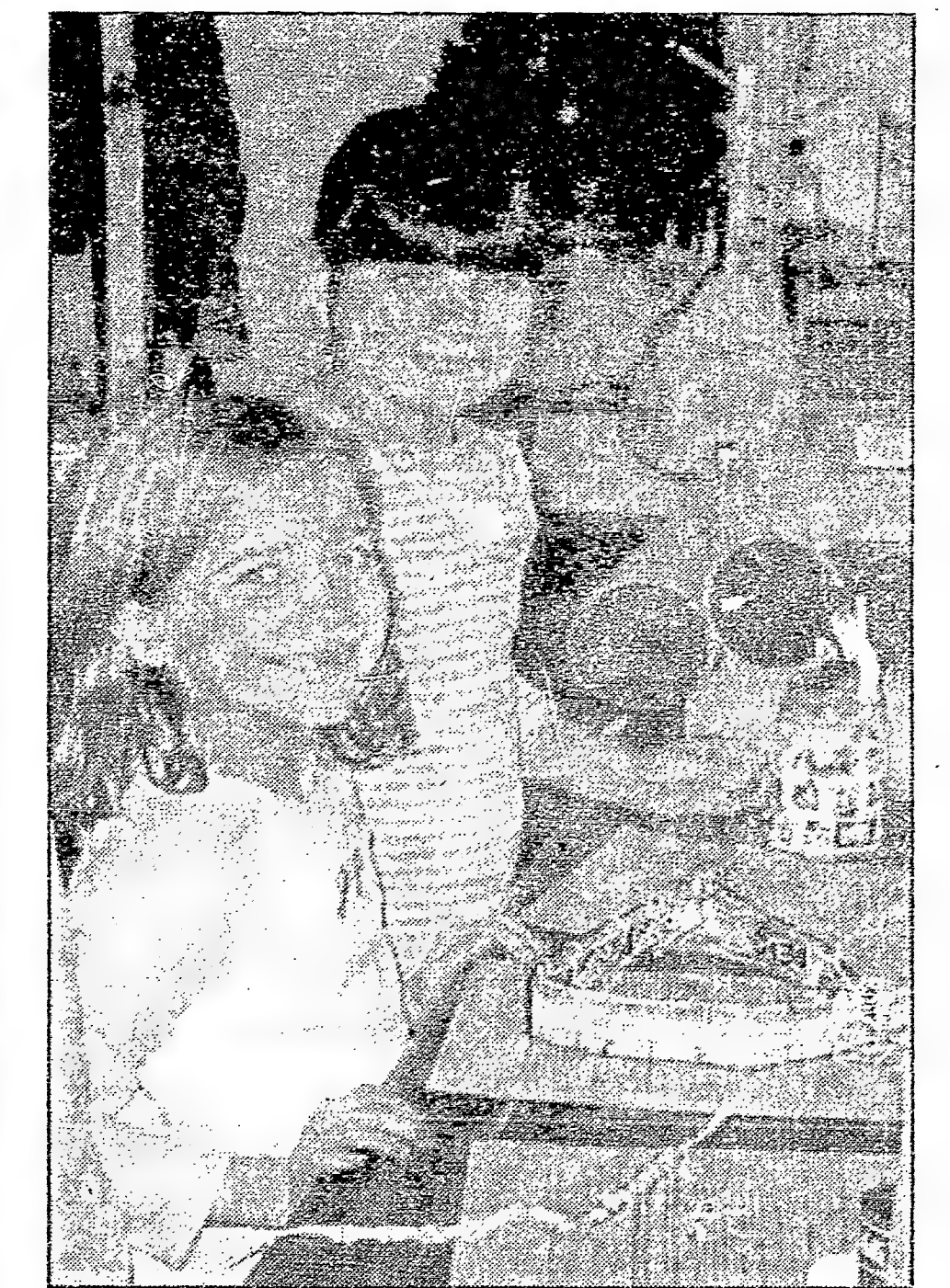


HILARY, A second grade student, (above) made a coat rack from some skis her mother found in the garbage. (At right) Janelle, a second grade student, spent two days working on her cell phone recycling box.

Photos by Rachel Weaver



RECYCLE RESEEN: Sewickley Academy Lower School students turned on their imaginations to create new gadgets from old ones. (At left) Isabel, another second grader, used balloons and jars to make a new set of drums. (Below) Isabel and friend Sarah spent an afternoon learning about the recycling projects.



THINGS TO DO

Old Economy opens doors to public on Sunday, March 13

On Sunday, March 13, from noon to 5 p.m., Old Economy Village will offer free admission to the site, blacksmith and spinning demonstrations and hourly tours of the Rapp House.

Visitors will also be able to explore the Natural History Museum, the Store Building, and the Baker House.

Eric Castle, the museum curator, will speak at 2 p.m. about the museum's new "100 Years of Ambridge" exhibit.

This exhibit debuts on Charter Day, honoring the Ambridge community and its ties to a National Historic Landmark — Old Economy Village. Charter Day, part of Pennsylvania Heritage Week, is a state-wide celebration. It marks the anniversary of King Charles II's granting of a charter to William Penn creating the Commonwealth in 1681.

For those not able to make the Charter Day celebration, Old Economy is open March 1-Dec. 31. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

The museum site is closed Mondays and holidays, except Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day. Allow 1 1/2 hours for a visit. Admission is \$7 for adults ages 18 years and older; \$5 for children ages 6 to 17; \$6 for senior citizens 60 years and older; and no charge for children under 6.

Arts in Motion

Here's what's upcoming at Sewickley Valley YMCA.

• Sing N' Play - A class for children age 4-6, will run Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

from April 11 through May 28.

The price for members is \$45, for program members, \$65.

• Kindermusik Class Do-Si-Do - A class for children newborn to 18 months will run Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. or Saturdays at 10 a.m. from April 2 until May 21.

The fee for members is \$70, for program members, \$90.

Required materials for this course must be purchased separately.

Parents need to register their babies by March 25 by calling 412-741-9622, Ext. 121.

• Adult Tap classes will be offered on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. from April 11 to May 28.

The fee for members is \$50 and for program members, \$70.

Let us know what your group has planned. Send your information to us at sewickley.herald@gatewaynewspapers.com or mail to 1964 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

• Adult and children's piano lessons are available on re-quest. For additional information, call 412-741-9622, Ext. 105.

Flap jacks

Mt. Nebo Grange will sponsor its annual pancake breakfasts on the second and fourth Saturdays, February-April, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 125 McAleer Road, Ohio Township.

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LENTEN SERIES

Grace Church welcomes Trinity seminary leaders

Two educators who led Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry for more than 20 years will preach at Grace Episcopal Church in Edgeworth to round out the church's inaugural Lenten Speaker Series.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. John H. Rodgers Jr., dean and president of the Ambridge Seminary from 1978 to 1989, will be the featured preacher on Sunday, March 13.

Palm Sunday's speaker at Shields Chapel will be the Very Rev. Peter C. Moore, the author of many inspirational books, who served as Trinity's dean and president from 1996 until last year.

"Our first Lenten Series has been very well-received so far," said Fr. David Sueallau, Grace Episcopal's priest-in-charge. "We are very fortunate to be able to present such eminent church leaders."

The two former deans will complete the circle started last week by Trinity's current chief executive, the Very Rev. Dr. Paul F.M. Zahl.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. at Shields Chapel, 325 Church Lane, Edgeworth.

Presbyterian Church presents Seder Service

The annual Seder Meal Service will be held Palm Sunday, March 20, at 5 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley.

FELLOWSHIP

Share in a reading of the Haggadah, which tells the dramatic events of Passover, and enjoy a traditional, symbolic Seder meal in Ansbj Hall.

The cost is \$10 for adults ages 16 and up; \$5 for children, ages 5-15; and free for children under 5, or a total cost of \$35 for a family of more than three.

Call the church office at 412-741-4550 for more information or to make a reservation.

Learn more about the Seder meal by attending the Adult Education class that Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Ansbj Hall.

The church is located at 414 Grant St., Sewickley.

Quiet Lenten moments

A quiet service of prayer, song, communion and anointing for healing will be held each Wednesday in Lent (March 9 and 16) at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at The Presbyterian Church.

The Prayer Labyrinth also will be available those evenings in the Robinson Room from 7-8:30 p.m.

At Antioch

Antioch Baptist Church, located at 332 Elizabeth St., Sewickley, welcomes all to Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 9:30. Bible study and a prayer service are held Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

For information, call 412-741-7688.

Passion Play

For the 14th year, the Teen Chorale of the TriCounty Choir Institute presents the Passion Play, "Why Must He Die?" throughout this

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The 30 members of the cast are from 22 different area junior and senior high schools and colleges.

"Why Must He Die?" written by Linda Wallace from Sewickley Hills, is a meditation through music, drama and liturgical dance on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

"Why Must He Die?" is 1 1/4 hours in length. A goodwill offering will be taken at the door.

For more information, call 412-741-3463 or email at lindawallace@comcast.net or visit www.tricountychoirs.com.

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- Today (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m. at KenMawr Presbyterian Church, Kennedy
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William McMaster, formerly of Sewickley, USC swim coach

William McMaster, 66, formerly of Sewickley, died on Feb. 25, 2005, in Bradenton, Fla.

He was born June 5, 1938, in Butler, Pa., the son of the late Boyd and Martha (Wills) McMaster.

Mr. McMaster was a retired teacher from Upper St. Clair High School, where he successfully coached the varsity swim team for many years.

He was previously employed in the late '60s and early '70s as a physical education director of the YMCA.

He was an avid sportsman and fisherman, and he enjoyed all facets of water activities including water skiing, scuba diving and fly fishing.

Mr. McMaster served as a trainer in the military during the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 25 years, Ruth Scott McMaster; and his stepson, Terry Scott.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley McMaster; two brothers and their wives, Steven and Pat of Butler and Dave and Barb of Saxonburg, Pa.; a stepson, Mark Scott of Sewickley; and step-daughter-in-law, Paula Scott of Monaca, Pa.; four grandchildren; one niece, Lynn; and nephews, Jeff and John.

IN MEMORY

Following the cremation in Bradenton, there was a private memorial at sea.

Arrangements were handled by Richard D. Cole Funeral Home Inc.

Joyce Marcinkowski

Born in Sewickley

Joyce Lee Carrick Marcinkowski, 68, of Alpharetta, Ga., died Feb. 24, 2005, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Sewickley, the daughter of Joseph and Helen Konter Carrick.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Daniel R. Marcinkowski; sons and daughter-in-law, Michael Marcinkowski and Keith and Jamie Marcinkowski, all of Woodstock, Ga.; grandchildren: Charlie, Brodie and Madison; sister, Marlene Ludman of Borger, Pa.; sister-in-law, Lucille Vayvada of Nantocike, Pa.; aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held Sunday, March 6, at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church.

Memorial donations may be made to one of the following:



Joyce Marcinkowski

Atlanta Cancer Care Foundation, Attn: Dr. S. Reddy, 1100 Lake Hearn Dr., Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30342; Vista Haven House Hospice, 5411 Northland Dr., Atlanta, GA 30342; or the Alpharetta Presbyterian Church, Attn: Jeff Harbin, 180 Academy Street, Alpharetta, GA 30004.

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory of Roswell, Ga., handled the arrangements.

Harold McClain

Former Leetsdale resident

Leetsdale resident of five years, Harold McClain (Andy), 71, passed away in his loving wife Theresa (Terri) Gamber

McClain's arms on Feb. 24, 2005, at Sewickley Valley Hospital.

He was the son of Deo McClain and Wilda (Breneman) McClain of Mercer.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He was the proud father of three sons and one daughter; two stepsons, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one step grandson and brother, Leland McClain of Mercer.

He will be missed by his loving wife and friends.

Services were held at The Robert Snyder Funeral Home of Shakersville, Pa.

Catherine Deverts Riddle

Former Leetsdale resident

Catherine Deverts Riddle of Moon Township and formerly of Leetsdale, died March 3, 2005.

She was the wife of the late Robert Riddle and the loving mother of William (Kathy) Makepeace of Evans City; Tammy (Russell) Morrow of Sewickley; Kimberly Ann Sepella (William Fortuna) of Ambridge; Cindy Ann Deverts of Carnegie; and Cathy Ann (Kevin) Grayson of Franklin

Park.

She also is survived by eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Sylvania Hills Memorial Park.

Arrangements were made by the Richard D. Cole Funeral Home Inc.

Arthur G. Werner, Jr.

of Sewickley Heights

Arthur G. Werner Jr. of Sewickley Heights died on March 3, 2005.

He was the beloved husband of Marjorie (Purvis) Werner; and father of Christina M. Werner, Jonathan D. Werner (Sharon) and Meralee Wilson (Bruce), all of Sewickley.

He also is survived by three grandchildren Erin Gibson (Tim), Daniel Werner and Sarah Werner.

Friends will be received today (Wednesday) from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at McDonald-Linn Funeral Home Inc., 529 California Ave., Avalon.

Services and interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

Rachel C. McCready

Sewickley resident

Rachel C. McCready, 88, of Sewickley, died March 6, 2005, at Canterbury Place, Pittsburgh.

She was the beloved aunt of Samuel, Robert and Margaret Adams.

She also is survived by seven great- and eight great-nieces and nephews.

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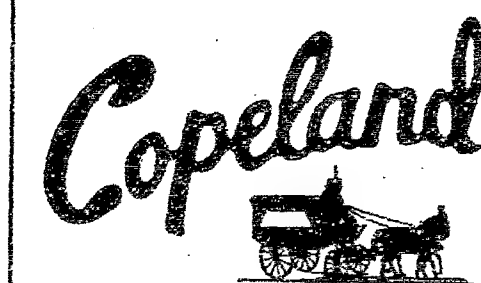
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SPOTLIGHT

May tee time for Thompson

'First Lady of Golf' to receive honors at St. Vincent College in spring

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

Career high 19 points from Rick Canter added to the 80-48 pounding the Quakers dished out to West Branch Saturday in the First Round of the PIAA Boys' Basketball Championships at Plum High School.

The 26-2 Quakers were up 43-25 at the half when Canter had his first eight then took off with big second half gains by juniors Amir Johnson (11 points for 22 total) and Ryann Bradford (12 points for 20 total).

The Quakers came off a disappointing loss to Beaver Falls in the WPIAL finals.

"There was a lot of anticipation for this game," said QV head coach Tom Demko. "We wanted to get this game going and get it over with."

And now that it is over, the win pits the Quakers against 23-5 North East tonight (Wednesday) at Meadville Area High School.

"Everyone has to contribute," Demko said. "We know that teams are going to come at us hard. If people try to shut one or two of them down, we have to have others step up."

"Ricky Canter showed that today."

Also scoring for QV Saturday were seniors Ryan Courneen with seven points, Anthony Baltimore with 4 points and Ryan Gilmore with one point.

Juniors Darren Rogers and Andrew Hanchulak put five and two points on the board.

This marks the first season in five years that QV made a state playoff appearance, but Johnson and Bradford, who transferred from the Sewickley Academy, went to the state finals last year.

"The fact they have experience in the state playoffs is a factor, but as the game gets going, you kind of have to throw that away," Demko said. "When the ball is thrown up, you just have to play hard."

The Quakers will face the winner of Aliquippa (22-7) and Bishop McCort (23-6) Saturday if they defeat North East tonight.

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PIAA PLAYOFFS

Quakers beat a path to second round

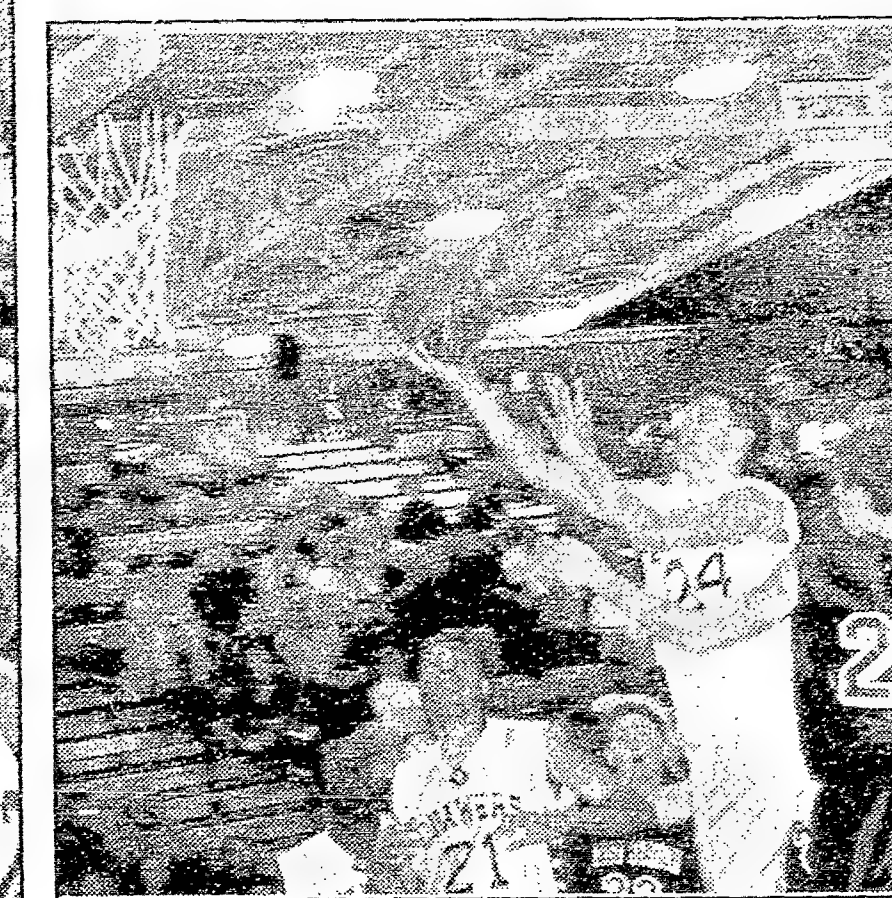
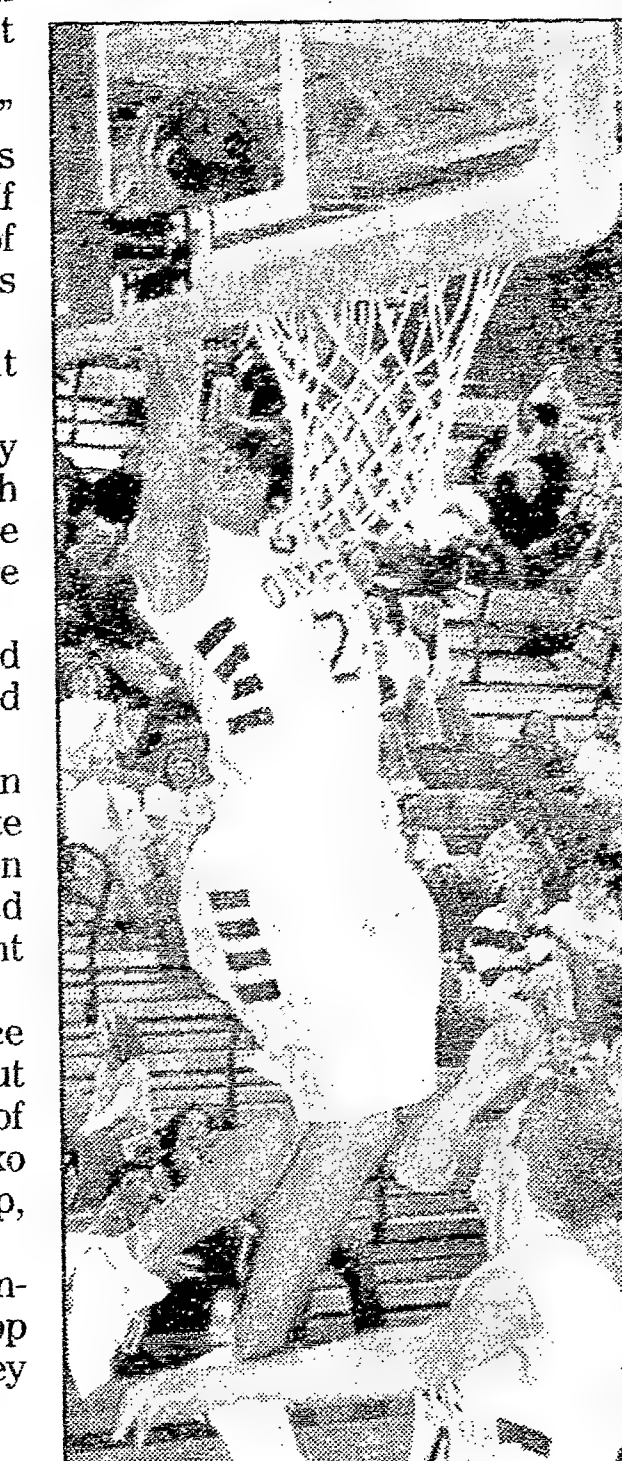
By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor



RYAN COURNEEN (top and bottom right), senior, helps the 26-2 Quakers to a 80-48 victory over West Branch in the PIAA first round Saturday at Plum High School. Courneen scored seven points for Quaker Valley. Ryann Bradford (left), junior, dunks for two. Bradford scored 20 points Saturday. Junior Amir Johnson led the Quakers with 22 points.

Photos by Tim Edmonson



SPOTLIGHT

Thompson to receive coveted PGA 'First Lady' award

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to losing by a landslide in the finals.

The tenacious Thompson did not give up.

"I was getting to be good, but hadn't really gotten there," she said. "I knew I was going to get better."

She was right.

Thompson won her first national title in 1973, claiming the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship title.

She claimed the British Women's Amateur Championship title the following spring, holding both titles for a brief spell, then finished as a finalist in the 1974 U.S. WAC.

The list goes on and on, factoring in seven national titles

"It's a wonderful recognition by professionals in the world of golf."

— Carol Semple Thompson

and 18 match victories in 12 Curtis Cups.

She has competed in 99 USGA championships.

This year, Thompson earned the moniker "First Lady of Golf" and will officially accept the award May 25 during the pre-66th Senior PGA Championship ceremony at St. Vincent College, the evening before the first round.

"I don't know that I was driven the way some kids are today," Thompson said of her success.



Carol Semple Thompson

"Once I started to succeed, I had to set other goals. Some things just fell into my lap."

Her newest title, though, was

not one of them.

Amateurs and professionals throughout the world hold Thompson in very high regard for her long list of accomplishments.

"Carol Semple Thompson's competitive record represents one of the finest success chapters in amateur golf and has elevated her among the best to have ever played the game," PGA of America President Roger Warren was quoted by the PGA Media Center.

"Beyond the boundaries of the golf course, Carol has achieved respect among her peers for her unselfish giving back to others."

"She has done this by serving both the PGA of America and USGA with leadership and great enthusiasm, and she has been a longtime supporter of

charitable organizations within her community.

"The PGA of America is most pleased to present her with its PGA First Lady of Golf Award."

Not a bad plug, and one Thompson graciously accepts.

"It's a wonderful recognition by professionals in the world of golf," she said.

"It's nice to be recognized by the other segment of the game."

Thompson said she owes much of her success to PGA organizations and club professionals and coaches.

"They made me what I am today in the world of golf," she said.

And Thompson has repaid that debt not only by inspiring others throughout her stellar career, but also by contributing in administrative and promotional capacities.

She was president of the Pennsylvania State Women's Golf Association. She served on the Advisory Committee of the PGA of America and the Executive Committee of the USGA.

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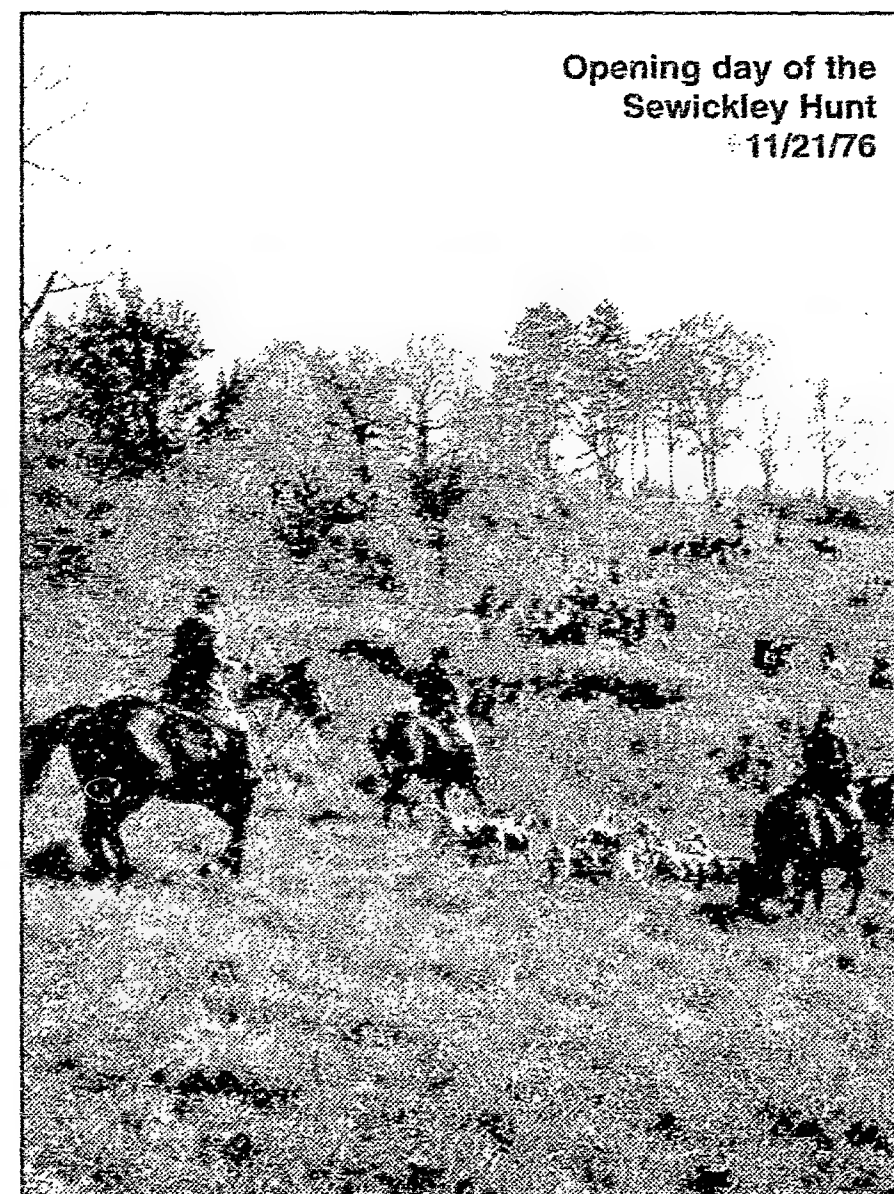
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lackner signs with U of Penn

Led Lady Panthers to WPIALs with team-high point average

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

Katarina Lackner was a key ingredient for Lady Panther success on the basketball court this year, averaging 15 1/2 points and 10 rebounds per game.

The senior forward's tenacity did not go unnoticed.

Lackner will make the switch from red and black to the Reds and Blues of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, next year, having recently signed with the Division One Ivy League school.

"I like the team," she said. "I like that it's in the city."

"I know practices will definitely be on a different level," she said of her expectations. "They will be longer and harder."

"I'm not going to be able to exploit my height anymore," she added.

At 6'2", Lackner had a much easier time making certain plays than she will when she gets to college.

But, as she proved many times dur-

ing her Academy career, Lackner adapts.

She plans to build her strength through a rigorous lifting regimen and improve her dribbling and ball-handling skills during the off-season.

"I was lucky enough to get the fundamentals down," she said of her experience with AAU basketball from sixth grade on, noting mid-range jump shot and post moves as her strengths.

Lackner said she is excited to play against her sister, Christiana, a Harvard sophomore who played for Oakland Catholic in high school.

"Seeing her succeed definitely gave me some motivation," she said.

If her sister provided an inspiration, the Lady Panthers gave Lackner the experience.

She has played in seven WPIAL and two PIAA playoff games since her sophomore season. In fact, she remembers the 2003 semifinals match against Serra Catholic of her sophomore year as a turning point.

"It was a really exciting game," she said. "It made me want to get further

Katarina Lackner

- School: Sewickley Academy
- Class: Senior
- Sport: Basketball
- Accomplishment: Katarina Lackner signed with the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, a Division One Ivy League school. Lackner led the Lady Panthers to the WPIAL Girls' Basketball playoffs with a team-high point and rebound average.



every year."

And though the Lady Panthers were not able to get beyond the semifinals for the remainder of Lackner's tenure, they did make the playoffs every year, and Lackner had a lot to do with Sewickley's success.

"In over 30 years of coaching, Katarina is among the three or four most dedicated basketball players with whom I have had the pleasure to work," said SA girls' basketball head coach Roy Parker. "She loves the hard work, but she enjoys the 'play' in playing basketball."

"Katarina is also an excellent student," he said. "Her intellect contributes to her success as a player. But most importantly, she is a finer person than student or basketball player."

"Her combination of gifts are remarkable."

Lackner said that, among other things, she will miss the closeness of the girls' basketball team.

"It was fun to have good chemistry," she said.

"I won't miss the homework," she joked, but said she realizes she will have plenty of that at the university.

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QV/SA Swimmers advance to states

Swimmers from the combined QV/SA Swim Team broke school records and edged into the states last week. Drea Chamberlain swam a personal record of 1:10 (a school record) in the breaststroke and finished in seventh.

The girls' 400 Free Relay (Becca Blazak, Chamberlain, Brittany Richert, and Jenna Richert) came into the event seeded fourth with an entry time of 3:55. They finished third with a school record of 3:46.90.

They girls dropped in time and qualified for the states in the process.

On the boys side, Ashton Kinney swam a team record and personal record of 57.55 in the 100 back and finished sixth.

Adam Sebastyn swam a personal record of 1:07.47 in the 100 breast which was a huge drop from his seed time of 1:10.

Sebastyn started the year with a time of 1:32 in the 100 breaststroke.

The boys 400 free relay (Kinney, Benji Greenberger, Andy Grant and Russ Holley)

SPORTS BRIEFS

came into the final event seeded ninth with a seed time of 3:44.

They established a new school record with a time of 3:35.55 and finished fifth in the event.

Hockey

Quaker Valley defeated QV-Steel Valley 8-0 in their final season game before enjoying a bye week with a 19-2-1 record.

Junior returning All-Star Furman South led the West Division champions with two goals and one assist.

Also scoring for QV were Kelly Elson, Tim Hall, Mikael Lemieux, Will Forser, Shawn Ritchey and Eryk Stunda.

Lemieux led QV with three assists.

Noah Zamagias (2), Breton McNamara, Hall and Ritchey also had assists.

Zac Zinger made five saves.

■ Sewickley Academy fell to

number one-ranked Serra Catholic 10-6 in their final.

The Panthers also enjoyed a bye week before facing Westmont Hilltop Monday night at the RMU Sports Complex.

Kicking clinic

Tom Alper's Kicking Academy will hold a clinic for kickers, punters and long-snappers Saturday, April 2, at the RMU Bubble on Neville Island from 8 to 11 a.m.

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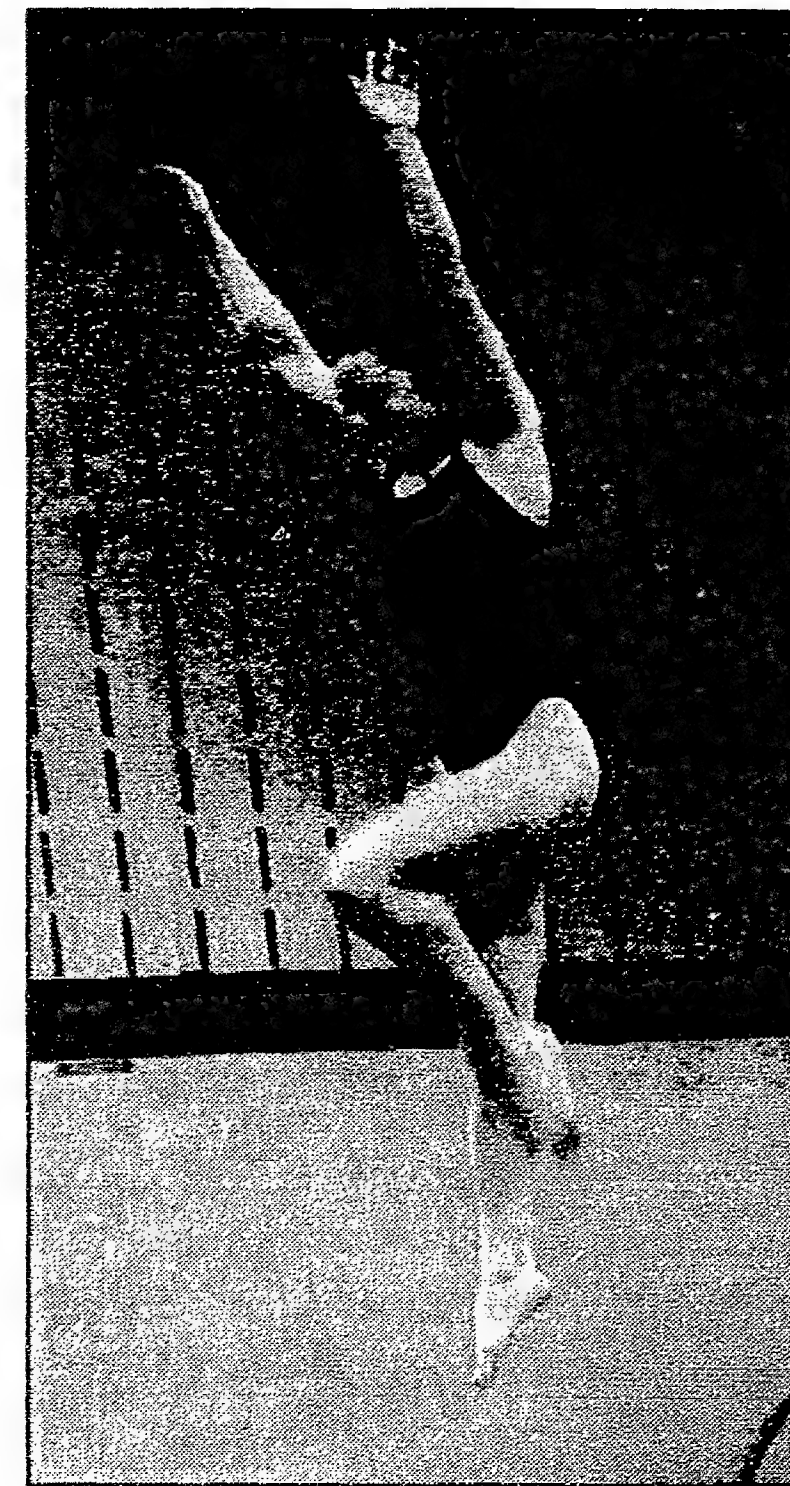
Powder Puff football

The Sewickley Valley YMCA will host the Girls' Powder Puff /Flag Football League at the YMCA soccer field this spring.

Registration is March 26, and the cost is \$36 for members and \$68 for nonmembers for grades five through eight.

Games will be played on Saturdays beginning April 1.

Call Dennis Pauley at 412-741-9622 for more information.



LUCY GROSS, a senior Quaker diver on the combined QV/SA Swim Team, placed seventh at the WPIAL competition, missing out on a chance to compete at the states by just one place.

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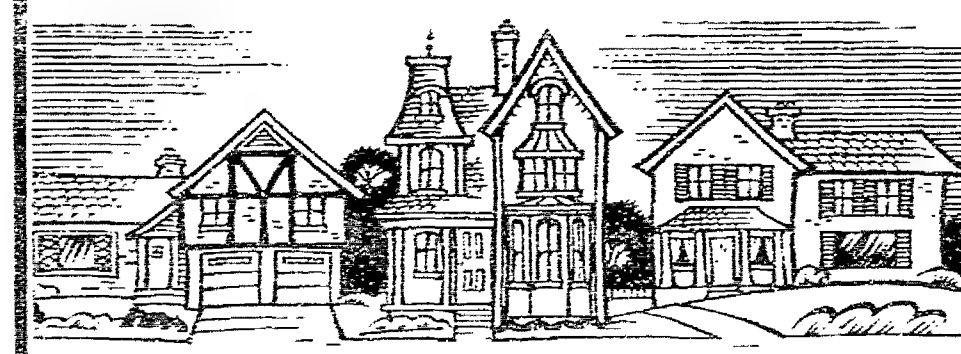
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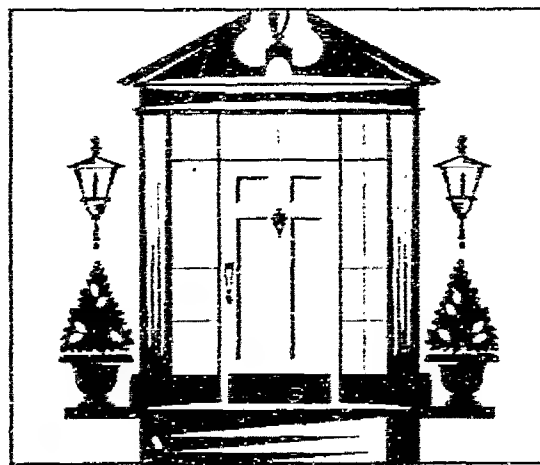
Masonic Village holds open house

The Masonic Village at Sewickley marketing staff invites anyone interested in learning more about the retirement living accommodations now available to attend an open house tour on Tuesday, March 29, beginning at 10 a.m.

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the clubhouse and various accommodations, ask questions of the marketing staff and enjoy refreshments.

For directions to the Masonic Village, 1000 Masonic Drive, or to schedule a personal appointment, call 412-741-1400, Ext. 3530.

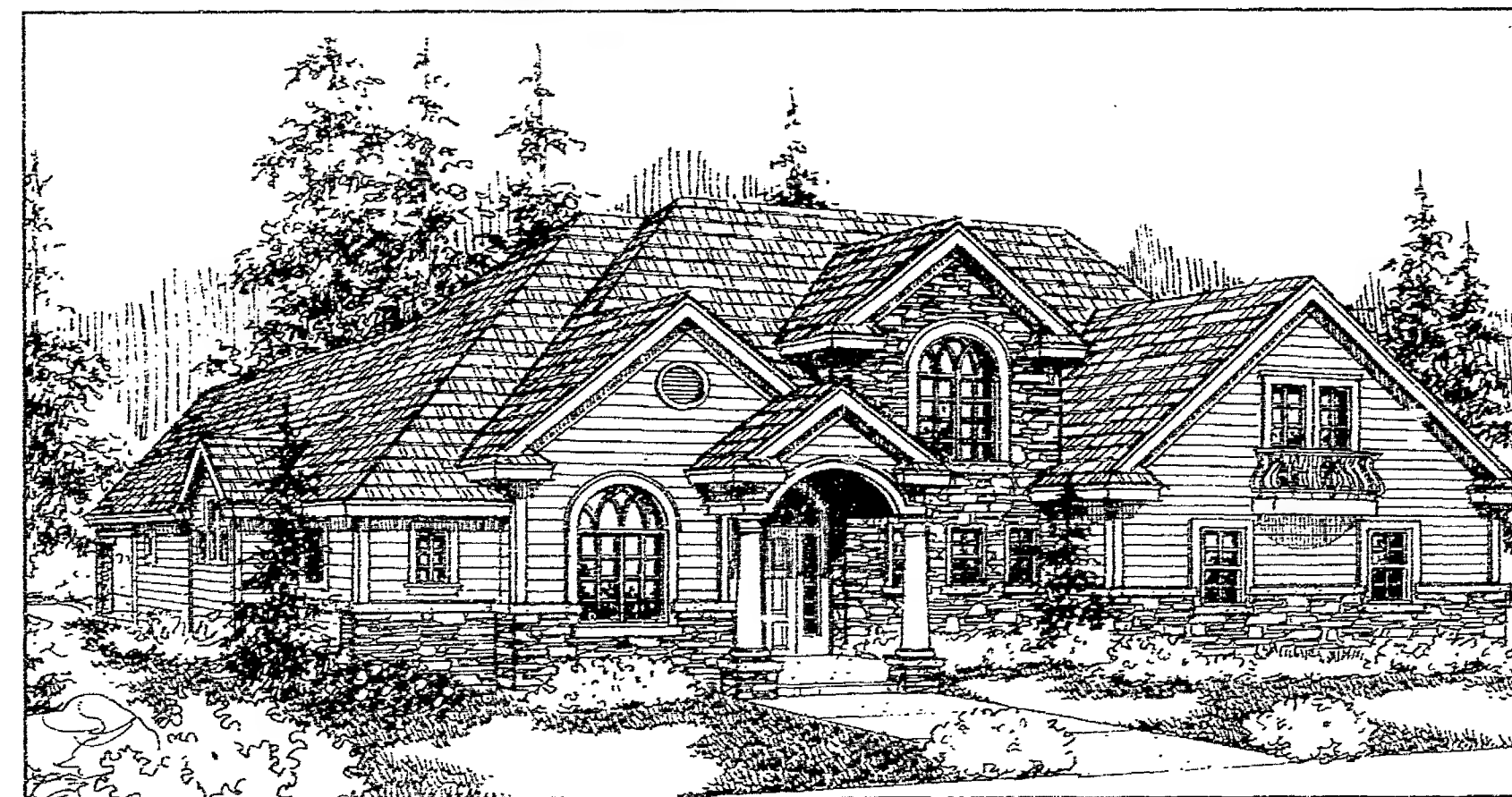
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DESIGN OF THE WEEK



Southwick offers touch of France

The Southwick's neo-traditional exterior can be likened to a musical composition.

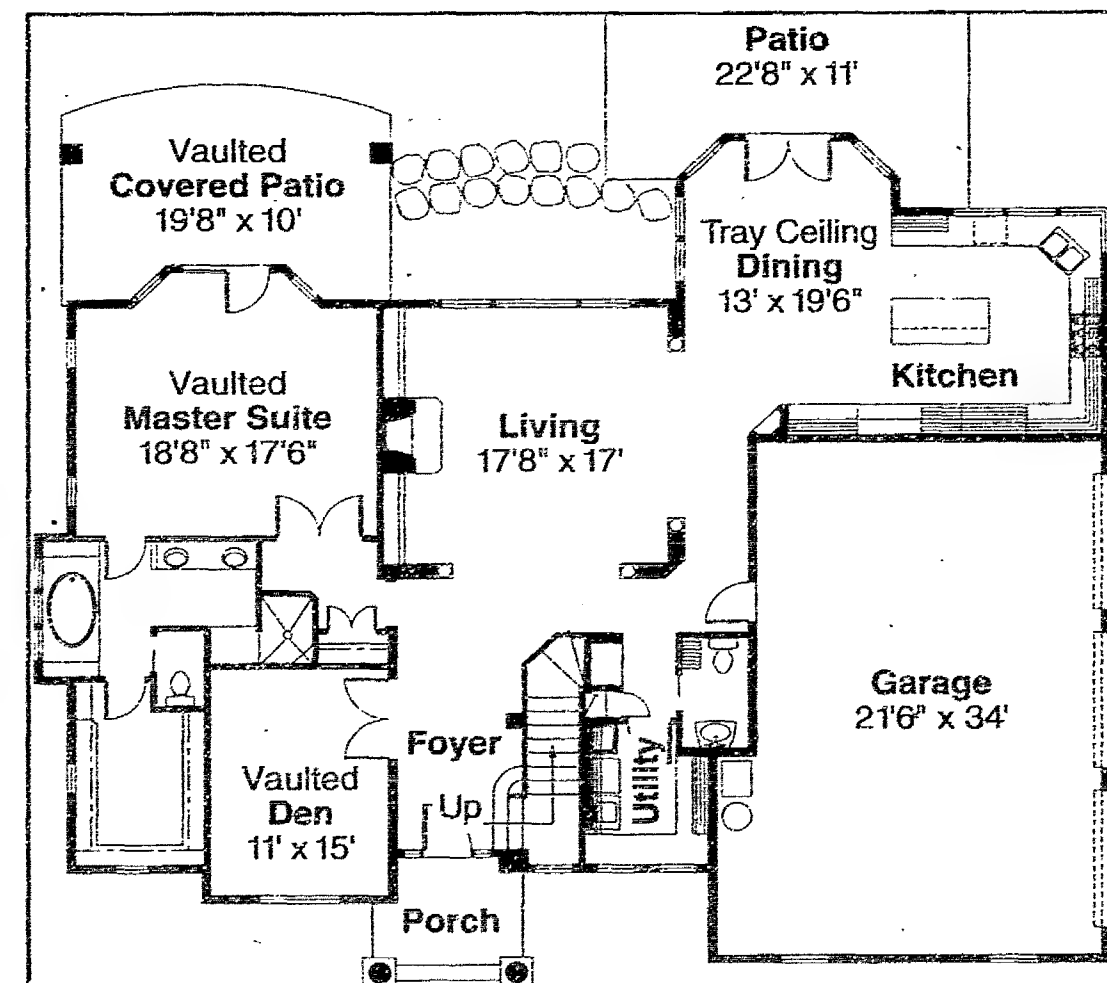
The rough, earthy texture of stone veneer here runs a complementary counterpoint to the smooth classical columns, graceful arches and ethereal neo-Gothic windows. These elements, along with the wrought iron balcony railing, combine to give this estate-size home a delightful French flavor.

Windows surround the door on the sides and top. Double doors on the left open into a vaulted den that could be a library, study, or home office. Directly ahead, ornamental columns flank a wide, arched opening that leads into the living room.

A gas fireplace is centered along the left wall, and custom cabinets fill that wall on both sides. Wide windows span most of the rear.

Another column-rimmed, arched opening is across the room from the fireplace. This one links the living room to the dining area and kitchen.

French doors are centered in the half-octagonal window bay that expands the dining



area, offering easy access to a large, partially covered patio and totally open to the large kitchen.

The Southwick's vaulted master suite boasts a luxurious bathroom, huge walk-in closet, and direct access to a vaulted, covered patio ideal for a hot tub. Two more bedrooms are upstairs, along with a vaulted loft, a two-section bathroom, and a bonus room with a gas fireplace, home entertainment center and balcony.

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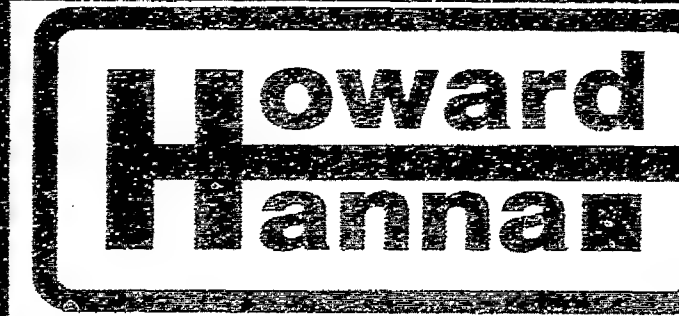
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Helen Seibel sold property at 70 South

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Ave. to Pedro Forero and Amy Paff for \$55,000.

Leetsdale

Todd Edmunds et al. sold property at 139 Victory Lane to John Weidman for \$72,000.

Jennifer Budacki Long et al. sold property at 190-192 Victory Lane to Karen Lynne Schmidt and James Edward Morrill for \$102,000.

Osborne

William Wycoff sold property at 200 Academy Place to Nancy Harris for \$415,000.

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Jonathan Showe sold property at 514 Beaver St. to Elena Kornetchuk for \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a


value of \$119,947).

Richard Schaeling sold property at 838 Thorn St. 42A to Lin Chris Assoc. L.P. for \$29,000.

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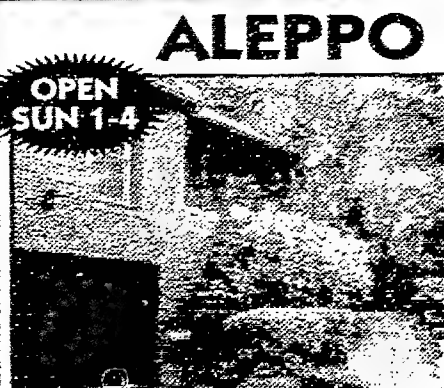


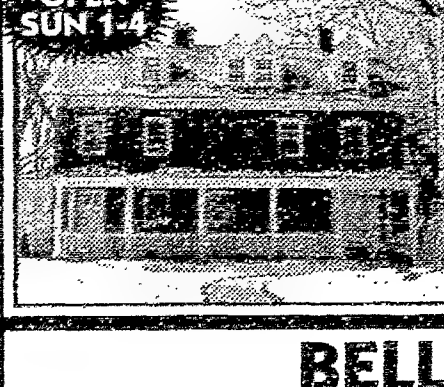
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OSBORNE  This outstanding home is convenient to all the Village amenities. Features include 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. There is a large living room with a fireplace and a formal dining room. This home has lots of nice detailing and is loaded with charm. Wonderful, private yard and a 2 car garage. Call for more information or to make an appointment. \$350,000	SEWICKLEY  694 Locust St. - This beautifully renovated home offers an excellent Village location. Features include 5 bedrooms with a huge master suite and marble baths. The main living area offers a comfortable living room, handsome formal dining room and a showcase kitchen with top-of-the-line fixtures. There is also a game room on the lower level. Lovely manicured lawn and details throughout. Full length covered front porch and 2 car detached garage. Dir: Beaver St. to Locust St. to second block on Rt. \$599,000	LEETSDALE  3 Oak Dr. - This charming brick and stucco two story home is located on a nice street close to shopping and the busline. This home offers 4 bedrooms including a new master suite and a total of 2.5 baths. The first floor includes a large living room with a fireplace, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen and family room. There is also a deck for summer enjoyment. Two car garage and nice lot. Dir: N. on Beaver Rd. to R. on Oak Dr. \$215,000
FRANKLIN PARK  This beautifully maintained home is situated on a 1.2 acre wooded lot. Features of this home include 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. The main living area consists of a comfortable living room, dining room and updated kitchen. There is also a game room on the lower level. Integral garage. New septic system and more. Call for additional details. \$199,900	LEET TOWNSHIP  This custom built home is located in the "Quaker Heights" neighborhood and has so much to offer. The main level offers a beautiful cherry kitchen with breakfast room, large living room, formal dining room, and family room with fireplace. There are 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. The lower level features a new game room. There is also a new deck and new entry wall and pillars at the driveway. 2 car garage. \$275,000	EDGEWORTH  417 Woodland Rd. - This spectacular home has been totally renovated with the finest quality materials available and is located along a pretty tree-lined street. Features of this fine home include a spacious living room, handsome formal dining room and a fully equipped eat-in kitchen with top-of-the-line fixtures. There are 4 gas log fireplaces. The upper levels offer a total of 8 bedrooms and there are 4.5 baths. The large level lot is well landscaped. 3 car garage and much more. Dir: N. on Beaver, R. Academy Ave., L. Woodland Rd. to home on L. \$1,750,000
SEWICKLEY  306 Cherry Way - This cozy and well maintained Village home offers a very convenient location and a great value. This home features 3 bedrooms as well as a comfortable living room and dining room. There is also a new rear porch and a privacy fence. Easy access to shops and transportation. Dir: S. on Beaver St., R. Chestnut St., L. Thorn, R. Cherry Way. \$139,000	BELL ACRES  "Charleston Square" - This stunning custom designed "French Country" home offers wonderful space and light. The main level features a spacious eat-in kitchen with top-of-the-line fixtures, a formal dining room, wonderful family room with fireplace and a den. There are 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths. Exciting design with beautiful detailed molding. Bright and inviting. 3 car attached garage. All situated on a 9.3 acre lot in this beautiful new neighborhood. Dir: N. on Beaver Rd. to R. Campmeeting Rd. to L. into Charleston Square. \$839,000	BELL ACRES  "Bell Farm" This 5 year old brick beauty offers everything! The stunning two story entry hall leads to a formal living and dining room. The fabulous eat-in kitchen offers top-of-the-line fixtures as well as a breakfast area and adjoining laundry room. There is also a wonderful family room with a handsome fireplace and a first floor den/office. The upper floors feature 5 spacious bedrooms. There are 4.5 baths. The lower level offers a wonderful finished game room with a walk-out door to the carefully landscaped yard which covers 2 acres. 3 car garage and much more. \$845,000



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HOME OF THE WEEK

Quaker Heights home ready for new family

This two-year young Victorian-model home in Quaker Heights, just minutes from the village of Sewickley in Leet Township, is a must-see.

The two-story entry, showcasing the oak-trimmed angled staircase becomes flooded with light from the enormous palladium window (protected by 3M Scotch tint window film).

Nine-foot ceilings throughout the first floor further the feeling of light and bright and lots of open space.

Other extras include oversized hickory cabinetry in the kitchen, bay window and tray ceiling in the dining room, crown moldings, first-floor home office connected to the family room with double

French doors, large master suite with vaulted ceiling, enormous walk-in closet and large master bath — to name a few.

Take a break from the planning desk in the kitchen and walk out the sliding glass door to a lovely stone patio with a private backyard view of the treed valley. The level, fenced yard provides security to your family and pets.

Further protection is available from the wired Guardian security system, also wired for up to four telephone lines throughout the house and computer jacks.

The huge basement with enameled floor is bigger, thanks to the extensions enlarging the family room and office



above.

The two-car garage with automatic opener also is widened for additional storage and leads to the first-floor laundry.

This lovely home is priced to

sell and available for quick occupancy.

This home is being offered by Coldwell Banker Real Estate. Call Robin Ross at 412-787-2300, Ext. 214 for a private showing.

CONTACTS



For all your real estate needs, Sewickley's realtors can be reached at the following numbers:

Coldwell Banker
412-741-2550;
Corporate office,
412-366-1600.
Howard Hanna
412-741-2200;
Keller-Williams Realty
412-741-7464;
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412-741-0111;
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Plants for deer control

You thought you were gaining control over your landscape, replacing the lawn with perennial groundcover plants. You got rid of the turf, planted hostas and mulched them.

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More and more people are discovering the virtues of perennial groundcovers and mulching. Compared to lawn grass, they save on water. And, of course, you can say good-bye to that temperamental, noisy polluter — the lawn mower.

You simply need to learn about groundcover plants that are conducive to deer control: that is, perennial groundcovers that deer won't eat (generally).

Many of the deer-resistant groundcovers are also shade-tolerant, solving yet another landscaping challenge. In addition, plants that humans find aromatic often have the opposite affect on deer: Deer find

their smell offensive and leave them alone, making these plants effective for deer control.

Suggested groundcovers

- Allegheny spurge (Pachysandra procumbens) and Japanese pachysandra (Pachysandra terminalis)

- Northern sea oats (Chasmanthium latifolium)

- Blue oat grass (Helictotrichon sempervirens)

- Lilyturf (Liriope spicata)

- Bugleweed (Ajuga reptans 'Atropurpurea')

- Creeping myrtle, or periwinkle vinca vine (Vinca minor)

- Deadnettle (Lamium galeobdolon)

- Catnip (Nepeta cataria)

- Sweet woodruff (Galium odoratum)

- Thyme (Thymus vulgaris)

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1999 CHRYSLER LHS LEATHER, LOW MILES.....	\$8,500*	2000 NISSAN QUEST AUTO, FWD, FULL POWER.....	ONLY \$8,000*	2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO, 4WD, PW, PL, PS, CLEAN.....	\$10,999*
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Jobs Listed

TODAY'S SPECIAL SECTION

► Dream Job Pays Fan \$100,000

HOW TO MANAGE YOUR JOB

(NAPSI)—Many people get stressed and burned out because of their boss or job responsibilities, but what about when the batteries die in the remote control? That may be one of the only on-the-job problems one lucky worker has to deal with in 2005.

A new executive job search will grant a \$100,000/year job to one TV fan. The job description: Watch "The Dukes of Hazzard" weeknights on CMT from home. Considering that a survey by the Society for Human Resource Management and CareerJournal.com found 75 percent of new employees are looking for new employment opportunities, the job search is expected to draw a large response.

"This will certainly be the most unusual executive search I've ever heard of," says James Hitchcock of CMT. A nationwide search has begun to find the new Vice President, CMT Dukes of Hazzard Institute. The search team will be led by Ben Jones, who played Cooter on the original "The Dukes of Hazzard" TV Series.

The search includes interviews at job fairs, application postings on online job sites such as monster.com, careerbuilder.com and hotjobs.com and distributing thousands of job applications at CMT Cross Country mobile marketing experiences across America.

In addition to watching "The Dukes of Hazzard" five nights a week on CMT, the vice president must know the words to the show's theme song, "Good Ol' Boy," make appearances at special events and write a "Dukes of Hazzard" blog for www.cmt.com.

The new vice president is expected to be announced at the 5th annual Dukesfest at the Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, TN on Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th. More than 50,000 "Dukes of Hazzard" fans are expected this year.

The job application is available at www.cmt.com, along with a job description and instructions about how to apply.



400

Garage Sales

TODAY'S SPECIAL SECTION

► 4 Tax Traps to Avoid

HOW TO MANAGE YOUR TIME

Tax filing is like going to the dentist -- no one really looks forward to either event. You have to collect the forms. Then you have to fill them out. And then you have to hope you filled them out correctly.

Many people make the same mistakes, guaranteeing the process will be even more painful. Such mistakes can be costly: You might have to pay more taxes or you might not get your returns in a timely fashion. Are you guilty of any of these common mishaps?

1. You don't ... sign and date the return. The IRS won't process your forms if they don't have your signature. If you are filing a joint return, you both need to sign and date it (Be sure to spell all names correctly and write them legibly). Note: When filing online, you use a pin number so you don't have to worry about signing something at all.

2. You don't ... include your Social Security number. It's important to write your Social Security number accurately and legibly because all your transactions (income statements, savings account interest, etc.) are connected to this number. Plus, it helps you claim tax credits for the Child Tax and other costs.

3. You don't ... do the math right. Yes, something as simple as adding and subtracting is a common mistake. Such errors can reduce your tax refund, or make you think you owe more than you thought. You'll get a correction notice that will only delay your return.

4. You don't ... use the label provided to you. The label helps the IRS to easily read your personal information. Make any corrections right on the label, and be sure to enter your Social Security number in the space.



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Real Estate

TODAY'S SPECIAL SECTION

► Home Theater Systems Deliver "The Big Wow"

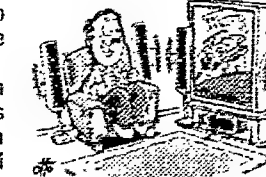
HOW TO MANAGE YOUR HOME

(NAPSI)—Home theater is huge. It's so big that, chances are, if you don't already have a setup, you have probably been "wowed" by the audio/video blast of a friend's system. The widespread popularity of the great picture of DVDs has led the demand for sound that is just as good, and today's typical home theater system consists of a TV, DVD player, receiver and surround sound. Face the facts: As popular as limited-fidelity MP3s may be for their portability, surround sound is here to stay, and the way to go for anyone who loves the thrill-immersive, movie theater, multi-channel sound.

In a recent survey of more than 2,000 adults ages 18 to 65 across America, done in conjunction with surround sound pioneer DTS (Digital Theater Systems, Inc.), Nielsen Media Research determined that a full 78 percent of current home theater households already have true "5.1-channel" surround sound for the ultimate movie-viewing experience. The study also shows that home theater ownership has grown by 120 percent over the past couple of years. Another study by market research firm Understandings & Solutions predicts that by 2006, nearly 62 million U.S. households will have a home theater system installed.

Clearly, many Americans are trading up to bring home the sonic experience they know and love from modern movie theaters. Sound has become so important, in fact, that DTS is finding that educated consumers are making purchase decisions when buying DVDs based on the presence of a DTS soundtrack on the disc. Thus, it is no coincidence that some of the best-selling DVD titles feature DTS, including "The Lord of the Rings," "Master and Commander," "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Spider-Man 2," and many others. And every month, more movies are released with these advanced soundtracks.

Many home theater buffs acknowledge the superior sound and overall home theater experience when the DTS soundtrack is engaged.



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Automotive

TODAY'S SPECIAL SECTION

► Keeping Your Vehicle on the Road to Safety

HOW TO MANAGE YOUR CAR

(NAPSI)—Any time of year can be the right time to get your vehicle inspected and serviced. Timely inspection and service can help prevent the inconvenience of breaking down on the side of the road and having to pay for a tow.

To help get you on the road to safety and service, the experts at ACDelco, a world leader in automotive replacement parts and service, offer the following Car Care Quiz.

Q: What percentage of vehicles are likely to fail at least one aspect of a spring vehicle inspection?

A: Last year, 87 percent of vehicles examined during the National Car Care Month check lane campaign failed one or more parts of the inspection. The most common failures are low tire pressure, low or dirty oil, dirty air filter, worn belts and low fluid levels.

Q: How often should vehicle owners replace their spark plugs?

A: According to Susan Christophersen, manager of product service and training for ACDelco and a member of the Car Care Council's Women's Board, "New technology has dramatically extended the life of some spark plugs—platinum-tipped plugs, for example, can last up to 100,000 miles. But most spark plugs last a minimum of 30,000 miles, and generally are inexpensive to replace."

Q: What should motorists look for when choosing a service center to take their vehicles for inspection?

A: Vehicle owners should make sure the service center has ASE (Automotive Service Excellence)-certified technicians. Look for a clean, professional-looking facility with trained technicians and up-to-date equipment. Customers should feel comfortable that the shop owner and the technicians are concerned about the safety and performance of their vehicles and will repair them right the first time.



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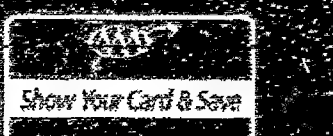
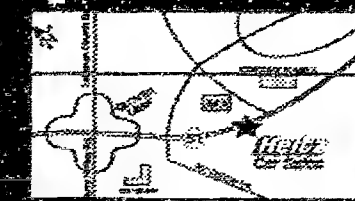
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BOROUGH OF EDGECROFT STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION DECEMBER 31, 2004 AUDIT STATEMENT

The accompanying combined Statement of Revenue and Expenditures of the Borough of Edgeworth for the year ended December 31, 2004 was summarized from the Annual Audit and Financial Report as submitted to the Department of Community and Economic Affairs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The detailed report may be examined at the office of the Borough Manager.

WILLIAM C. KESTNER
ARTHUR HALLETT
THOMAS HAY

February 24, 2005
Edgeworth, Pennsylvania

BOROUGH OF EDGECROFT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

Cash and Securities Balance -	
December 31, 2004	\$1,482,718
REVENUES:	
Real Estate Tax	\$1,396,724
Wage Tax & Deed Transfer Tax	607,770
Business Privilege Tax	34,514
Licenses & Permits	20,560
Fines Forfeits & Costs	21,234
Interest & Rents	18,560
Intergovernmental Revenues	113,134
Departmental Earnings	49,616
Other Financing Sources	76,960
Total Revenues	\$2,339,072
Total Cash and Revenues	\$3,821,790

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Government	\$ 324,319
Police Protection	448,563
Fire Protection	208,408
Ambulance/Rescue	5,190
Planning & Zoning	3,725
Health & Sanitation	125,106
Highways	386,858
Parks & Recreation	30,874
Purchase of Property	172,500
Debt Service	6,213
Debt Interest	647
Employee Payroll	
Taxes & Benefits	208,758
Insurance Premiums	41,053
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,997
Total Expenditures	\$1,967,211
Cash and Securities Balance -	
December 31, 2004	1,854,579
Total Cash and Expenditures	\$3,821,790
Assessed Valuation of	
Real Estate (Taxable)	\$261,849,700
General Borough Tax Rate	5.4 mills
Debt Service Tax Rate	0 mills
Earned Income Tax Rate	1.2 of 1%
Business Privilege Tax Rate	1-1/2 - 1 mills
Auditor's Report	
February 24, 2005	

We, the undersigned, elected Auditors of the Borough of Edgeworth, do hereby certify on our oath and do say that the foregoing reports have been prepared from the original books, papers and records of said municipal corporation, and that we have carefully examined the same to be a complete, correct and condensed statement of the financial transactions and condition of said municipal corporation in respect to each and every matter therein set forth to be the best of our knowledge, information and belief.

William C. Kestner
Arthur Hallett
Thomas Hay

139 3-9-05, 1T

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that separate and sealed Bids will be received by the Moon Township Municipal Authority on Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at the office of the Authority, 1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 200, Moon Township, Pennsylvania 15108, until 3:00 P.M., prevailing time. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time, for the following work:

CONTRACT NO. 2-2005
CHEMICAL PURCHASE
FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the Authority, 1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 200,

Moon Township, PA 15108, for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00.

A Bid Security comprised of a certified check or bid bond drawn to the order of the Moon Township Municipal Authority executed by the bidder and a surety company satisfactory to the Authority, in an amount equal to but not less than five percent of the total amount of the Bid must be submitted with the proposal.

The Moon Township Municipal Authority hereby reserves the right, which is understood and agreed to by all Bidders, to reject any or all Bids submitted; and also reserves the right to waive any informality in bids received, but any contract work awarded will be to the lowest, responsive, responsible Bidder.

Except as otherwise provided by law, no Bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the Big Opening.

MOON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
John F. Riley, P.E.
General Manager

(150 3-9-05, 1T)

TOWNSHIP OF NEVILLE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Project Number 05-01, Von Stein Lane Repaving Project, will be received by the Neville Township Commissioners at the Neville Township Municipal Building, 5050 Grand Avenue, Neville Island, Pittsburgh, PA 15225 until 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Thursday, April 7, 2005. The Project work includes removal and replacement of approximately 310 square yards of concrete pavement.

Bids will be opened and read aloud at the Commissioners' monthly Caucus meeting, at the Municipal Building, Thursday, April 7, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. Bids will be remanded to the Township Engineer, who will review the documents for completeness and acceptability; all bids must include a properly completed Bid Form and a valid bid security in the amount of at least 10% of the bid price. Contractors who have not performed work for the Township in the past 10 years must submit a list of at least three similar project references with a contact name and telephone number. Contract award will be made at the Commissioners' monthly Regular meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2005. The selected contractor will then have six months to complete the required work.

Bid documents are available from the Township Secretary at the Municipal Building for a non-refundable fee of \$5.00. Bid documents will be mailed directly to prospective bidders upon receipt of a check in the amount of \$20.00.

(140 3-9-05, 1T)

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FAYETTE

Bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of North Fayette, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, until 1:00 p.m. March 21, 2005 for the following:

- E-3 emulsified asphalt- 30,000 gallons =
- E-3M emulsified asphalt- 10,000 gallons =

Bidding documents with a full description of specifications, bidding instructions, and bond requirements can be obtained at the Township Manager's office, 400 North Branch Rd., Oakdale, Pa., Monday through Friday during regular business hours. The sealed bids will be opened and read at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2005. The bid award will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2005.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Robert T. Grimm
Township Manager

(106 3-2, 3-9-05, 2T)

PUBLIC NOTICE OSBORNE BOROUGH

The Council of the Borough of Osborne herein advertises the intent to adopt the following ordinance at the scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in Osborne Elementary School, 1414 Beaver Road, Osborne, PA.

An Ordinance of the Borough of Osborne amending and restating Ordinance 320 of the Borough of Osborne providing for an Occupational Privilege Tax, to levy, assess and collect an Emergency and Municipal Services Tax in the amount of \$52 on individuals for the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the Borough and to establish regulations related thereto.

The ordinance in full text is available for inspection at the Borough Secretary's office, Sewickley Municipal Building, 601 Thorn Street, Sewickley, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Maleet Gordon, Borough Secretary
(100 2-23, 3-2, 3-9-05, 3T)

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that A-1 Self Storage Center, having its office at 401 Coraopolis Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108, and being the owner of the leased spaces described as follows and rented by the herein named will sell the stored property to satisfy the owner's lien created by the non-payment of rent.

Sale will take place at 401 Coraopolis Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108 on Monday, March 14, 2005 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. by means of complete unit sale only.

NAME	BIN NO.
Sandra Egeric	152
Edward MacBeth	155
Tracy Copeland	234
Judith A. Marlowe	239
Donald Retherath	394
Dale R. Babik	41
Robert H. Cochran	178
Melissa M. Populo	401
Donna J. Bridger	361

(114 3-2, 3-9-05, 2T)

ADVERTISEMENTS OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on 3-31-05 at 11:00 a.m. at:

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(155 3-9, 3-16-05, 2T)

NOTICE

Please be advised that the April Workshop Meeting of the North Fayette Township Board of Supervisors scheduled and advertised for April 7, 2005 has been cancelled. The next workshop meeting will be May 5, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Meeting Room of the Township Building, 400 North Branch Road, Oakdale, PA 15071.

Robert T. Grimm
Township Manager
(156 3-9-05, 1T)

OFFICIAL NOTICE

North Fayette Township's monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board regularly scheduled for Monday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. is being rescheduled for Monday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Public Meeting Room.

Carol Stenzel, Coordinator
Parks and Recreation
(105 3-2, 3-9-05, 2T)

March 9, 2005

LEGAL NOTICE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) of the Borough of Sewickley Heights will meet on Monday, March 14, 2005 at 4:00 P.M. at the Borough Hall, Country Club Road.

At this meeting the HARB will consider the following applications:

Wetmeier's propose to construct a swimming pool with a deck, pavilion and a garden storage building at their residence on Hillside Drive.

Merrills' propose to construct 2,119 square-foot additions to their residence on Scaife Road.

Gregg's propose to construct 2,866 square-foot additions and relocation of an existing two-car garage at their residence on Persimmon Road.

The Borough of Sewickley Heights
By: William P. Rohe
Borough Manager/Secretary

(154 3-9-05, 1T)

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough of Sewickley Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 601 Thorn Street, Sewickley, Pennsylvania for the following:

1. A conditional use request by Hattan Concepts, Inc. dba The Sewickley Cafe, Block and Lot No. 508 N-238, 409 Beaver Street, to establish a restaurant with a liquor license.
2. A hearing on the transfer of Restaurant Liquor License R-19430, from Bell Acres, Inc., 1856 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA to the Sewickley Cafe, 409 Beaver Street, Sewickley, PA.

Copies of the applications are available for public review in the Borough Manager's office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Borough of Sewickley
Kevin M. Flannery
Borough Manager/Secretary

(141 3-9, 3-16-05, 2T)

LEGAL NOTICE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sewickley Heights has canceled its regularly scheduled monthly meeting, held on the third Monday of the month for March, 2005.

Therefore, has rescheduled the meeting for Thursday, March 17, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall, Country Club Road.

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(NAPSI)—It's important that dealing with work-related stress doesn't become a full-time job.

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The study revealed that workers now take up to two weeks of sick time a year to deal with stress-related illness and that many use over-the-counter analgesics in an effort to remedy their stress-related sickness.

The study, conducted by the Hadassah women's organization, in partnership with Aetna and the United States Tennis Association, polled approximately 1,000 people at companies across the Northeast. It was created by stress expert and author Dr. Deborah Bright, who served as co-investigator with Dr. Mark Popachin, a prominent gastroenterologist at New York-Presbyterian Hospital's Weill Cornell Medical Center.

One in three respondents said

Stress Busters In The Workplace...

results from a Hadassah survey

- Seventy-four percent of people said they build "to do" lists.
- Sixty-nine percent break larger tasks into smaller parts.
- Sixty-two percent talk to a co-worker.
- Sixty-four percent clean and organize their work areas.
- Fifty-eight percent establish clear goals.

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they are "highly stressed" at work, with nearly four in 10 reporting that they have more stress at work today than two years ago. Only 50 percent rated themselves as "very effective" in handling this stress.

As a result, 32 percent admitted missing anywhere from one to 14 days of work in 2004 due to stress-related illness and just about one-quarter (24 percent) disclosed taking

anywhere from one to five aspirin or acetaminophen tablets daily because of stress-related complaints.

According to the study, there are numerous factors contributing to on-the-job stress. Fifty-five percent of respondents cited their foremost stressor as being given more tasks and responsibilities than time to do them.

Forty-three percent cited being on the receiving end of criticism as the second greatest source of stress, while having to give criticism rated as the eighth highest stress-producing situation (36 percent).

"Americans are experiencing higher levels of stress than ever before," said June Walker, Hadassah's National President and a health care professional. "The challenge of balancing work, family, and finances in an increasingly more competitive, demanding world is definitely taking its toll."

"Stress has become a health concern for people both in the workplace and home setting," said Dr.

Popachin. "It cannot be eliminated from our lives. Our study assesses which coping strategies are being utilized by those who successfully manage their stress. From these findings, we hope to identify practical methods for all of us to minimize the negative effects of stress in our lives."

Building "to do" lists seemed to be the most effective way respondents managed workplace stress, while smoking was the least effective. Unfortunately, most people said their work-related stress doesn't leave them when they leave work. Fifty-five percent said they frequently think about work while at home, and 20 percent said they have difficulty sleeping at night due to stress-related problems from work.

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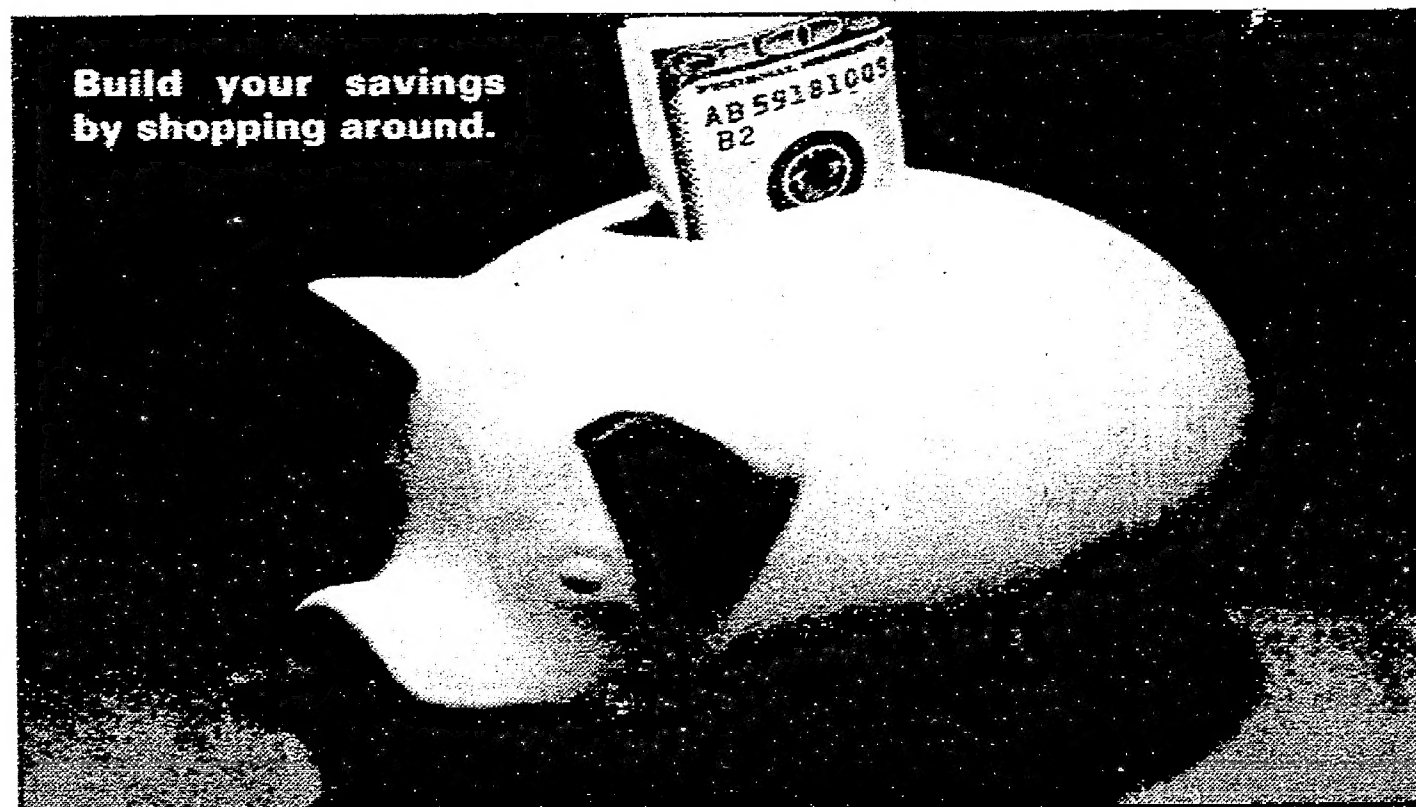
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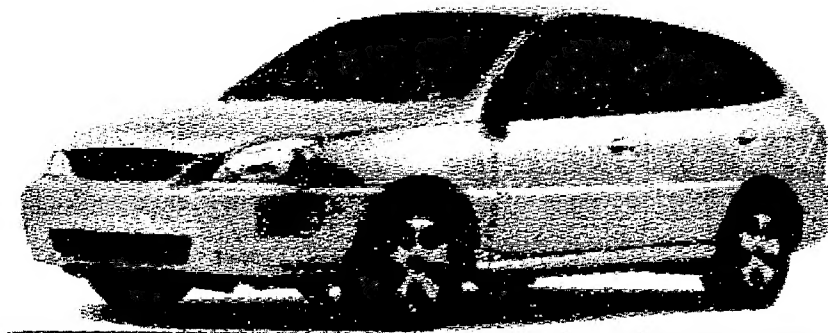
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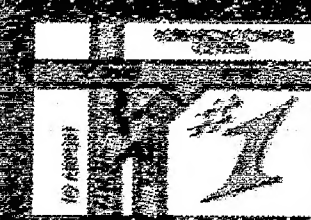
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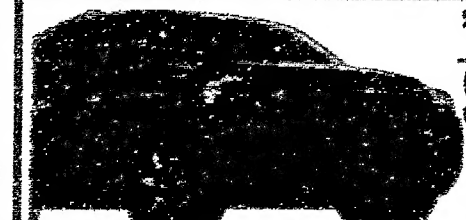
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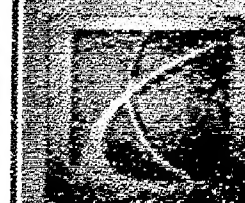
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